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DECISIVE BATTLE SAID IMMINENT

Farr Unfit For Military Service!

LONDON, Feb. 21 (Reuter).—Laughter greeted a statement made by Sir Kingsley Wood in the House of Commons to-day to the effect that the famous boxer, Tommy Farr, had been released from military duty because he was found on medical examination to be below the required standard.

When it was suggested that Tommy Farr must be fit because he was already staging a £20,000 purse fight for the heavyweight championship of the world, Sir Kingsley Wood reiterated that Farr was not up to the required standards for service.

'Battle Of The Somme' May Decide Fate Of Finland's Second City

BY HENRY SHAPIRO

"UNITED PRESS" STAFF CORRESPONDENT

MOSCOW, FEB. 21 (UP).—THE MOST IMPORTANT BATTLE OF THE RUSSO-FINNISH WAR IS BELIEVED TO BE IMMINENT IN THE VIBORG SECTOR.

The Russians are reported to be mopping up the Finnish left flank and advancing in two columns on a steadily narrowing salient.

The latest reports state they have taken up positions at Somme and Sanje—six and four miles respectively south of Viborg.

SUCCESS BY FRIDAY

Russian war correspondents to-day hinted at the Soviet's confidence of success on or before the Red Army anniversary on Friday.

"Tass," the official Soviet news agency, states that the Red Army has made itself familiar with the terrain and fighting conditions.

The Soviet press to-day gave great prominence to a "Tass" dispatch

saying that the Red Army "has now decided to break the Mannerheim Line—a drive that presages the end of the Finnish war."

The dispatch is date-lined Kovno and states: "Military experts are saying that the Mannerheim is as strong as the Siegfried or Maginot lines and its destruction is a most difficult task from a military point of view."

BEGINNING ON SATURDAY

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of articles on

THE WAR

written by Somerset
Maugham, the famous
British novelist and
playwright whose
works have been
translated into almost
every language.

MR. SOMERSET MAUGHAM'S
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DEAL WITH HIS IMPRES-
SIONS OF THE WAR

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novelist has just
completed an extended
tour of France, in the
course of which he has
seen every aspect of
the French war effort.
His articles will appear
exclusively in this
newspaper.

BRITON CHARGED WITH ESPIONAGE

Round-Up Made By
Stockholm Police

STOCKHOLM, Feb. 21 (Reuter).—A British subject, Donald William Beach, was one of five men who appeared in a Stockholm court to-day on a charge of espionage.

The other four accused are of Swedish nationality. Beach told the court that he was trained as a wireless telegraphist during the last war, after which he was for some time working as a ship's wireless operator.

After preliminary proceedings, the public were excluded from the court-room.

Finnish Claims
To-day's official Finnish communique states that there was heavy fighting in the Summa and Taipale sectors on Tuesday when the Finns repulsed all Russian attacks.

It said the fighting was heaviest at Taipale where two Russian divisions made a joint attack. The communique confirmed that 17 Russian planes were shot down yesterday, while two others are reported to have been destroyed but the reports cannot be confirmed.

Six Others Crash
Further reports state that an additional six Russian raiders crashed, making a possible total of 25 Russian planes lost to-day.

In the course of widespread raids the Russians bombed Hango and several other towns. It is alleged that they raided the towns repeatedly, strafing a children's home and a passenger plane.

The communique added that at Kuusmo the Finns repulsed a Russian attempt to send reinforcements to surround the Finnish detachment.

Fall At Kolisto Denied
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
HELSINKI, Feb. 21 (UP).—The Finns officially deny the Soviet claim to the capture of Kolisto, which guards the southern end of the Mannerheim Line. The guns in this fortress town played an important part in resisting the Soviet advance.

North-east of Kolisto the Reds have extended the attack right across the Isthmus. East of the Isthmus the Finns are claimed to have been thrown back on the ice of Lake Suvanto.

Karelian Offensive

HELSINKI, Feb. 21 (Reuter).—A Finnish communique reports more Soviet attacks in the Karelian Isthmus. It claims that the attacks were repulsed with heavy Soviet losses and that numerous tanks were destroyed.

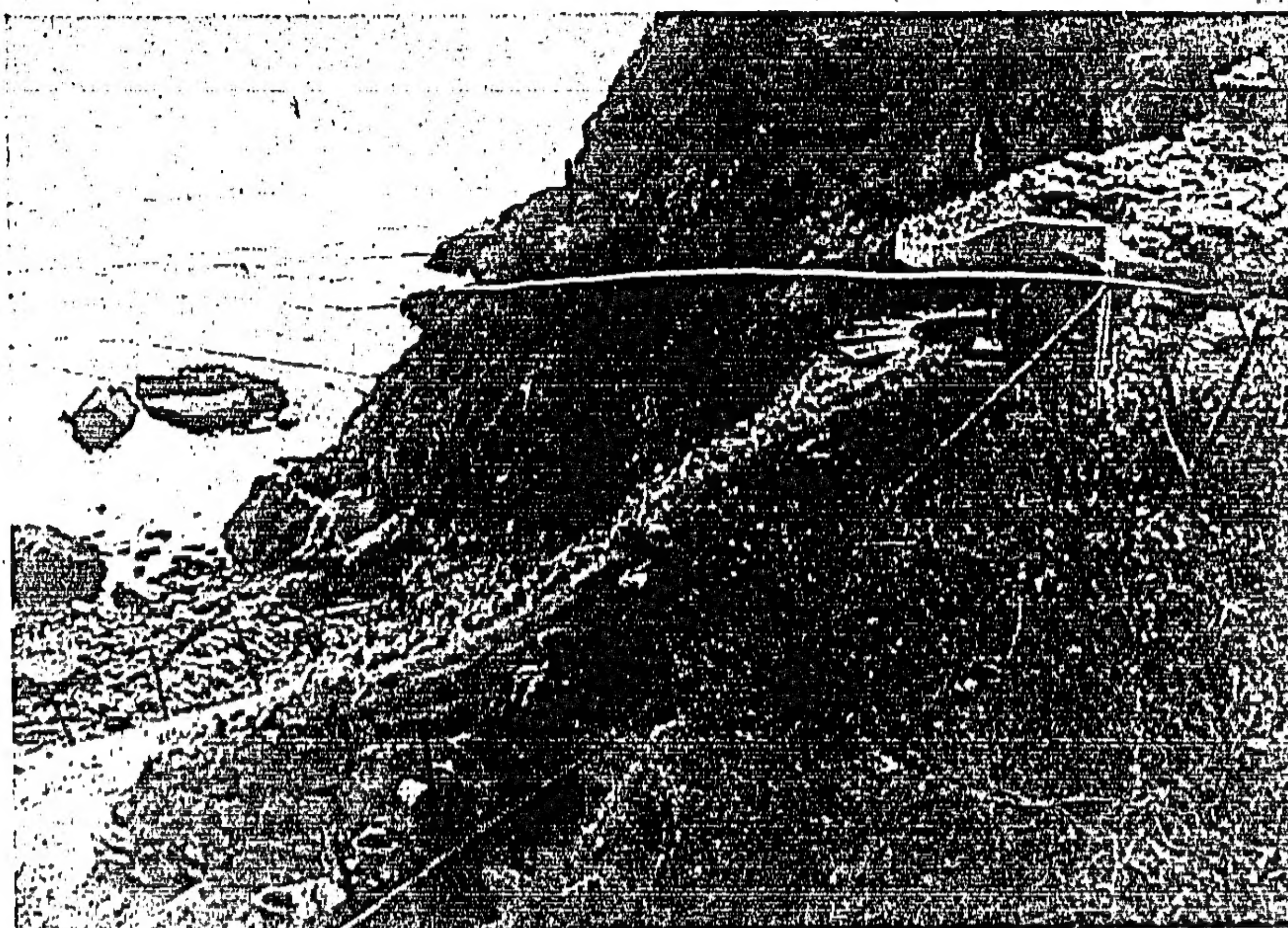
The Finnish air force several times effected reconnaissance flights behind the enemy lines and bombed enemy troops and concentrations. In the course of air battles, 17 enemy planes were shot down.

DUTCH FIRE ON FOREIGN PLANES

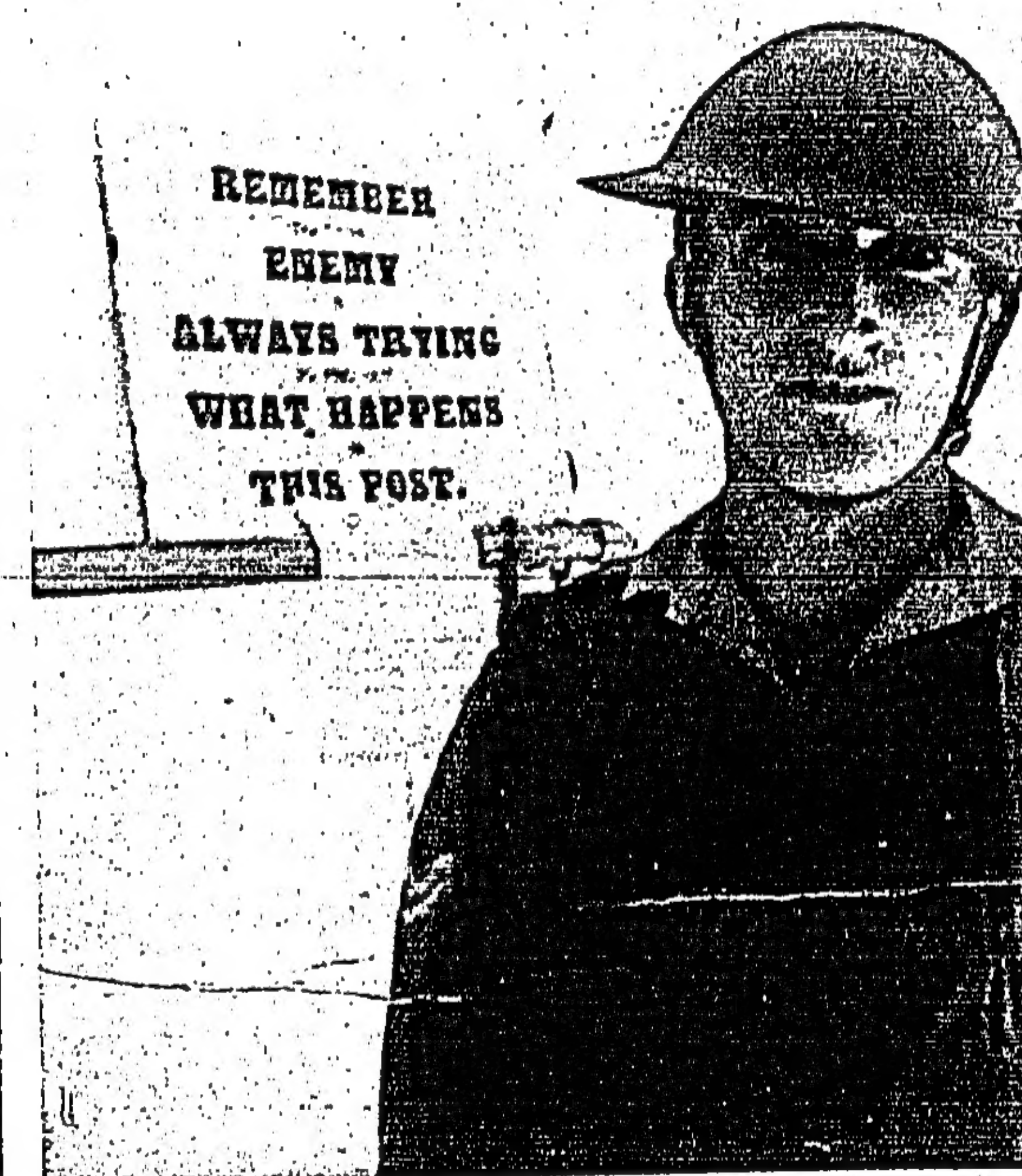
THE HAGUE, Feb. 21 (Reuter).—Dutch anti-aircraft batteries opened fire on foreign planes of unknown nationality near Den Helder during the night, it is officially announced.

HONGKONG PREPARES:

Below we publish further photographs of a now series, specially taken by Norman Soong, of Hongkong's defence preparations. These photographs will appear daily in the "Telegraph".



ONE OF the many pill-boxes that dot the rocky coast of the Island. A section of machine-gunners is going to its post.



REMEMBER
THE
ENEMY
ALWAYS TRYING
WHAT HAPPENS
THIS POST.

PLACARD FOUND in all posts in the Colony reads: "Remember that the enemy is always trying to find out what happens at this post."

156 Lost Aboard Hongkong Destroyer

Complete Casualty List Of H.M.S. Daring

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
LONDON, Feb. 21 (UP).—The Admiralty has announced that the total casualties aboard the destroyer Daring amounted to 156.

The list under Missing, believed to be Drowned, includes the names of nine officers, among whom is Commander S. A. Cooper, 145 personnel and two members of the staff of the Navy, Army and Air Force Institute.

The names of Officers listed in addition to Commander Cooper are: Midshipman J. L. Coleman, Gunner Officer W. H. Easton, Surgeon Lieut. G. J. Kearney, Sub-Lieut. L. G. M. Potts, Midshipman A. V. Pumphrey, and Lieutenants P. L. Roberts, P. C. Gordon and W. J. K. Shanks.

The casualty list of Ratings who are missing, believed to be drowned includes: F. W. Amor, G. W. Armstrong, F. B. Ashford.

L. J. Barry, D. P. Beaman, A. E. Bellis, A. H. Benson, Reginald Beery, A. G. Bevan, Du'znan Blair, F. A. Boggeln, L. W. Brown, P. N. Byng, J. C. Cameron, J. H. Cameron, P. H. W. Campbell, F. G. Card, Kenneth PLEASE Turn To Page 7.

Scores of Incendiary Bombs on Swedish Town

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
STOCKHOLM, Feb. 21 (UP).—The Swedish Foreign Office has instructed its Minister to Moscow to protest against the bombing of the Swedish town of Pajala, a town of roughly 2,000 inhabitants located in the Tornea River valley about five miles from the Finnish border.

The Mayor of Pajala, Mr. George Tuubis, told the "United Press" by telephone to-day that 30 explosive bombs and "hundreds of incendiaries" were dropped on the town from a height of 2,000 feet.

NO CIVILIANS KILLED
"A bomb badly damaged the church, completely destroyed three houses and set fire to others which are still burning," he said. "The explosions shattered the windows in all houses."

The Town Sheriff said no civilians were killed, although it is believed many are wounded. He said that seven Russian planes apparently lost their bearings and bombed Pajala instead of a similar town on the Finnish side of the frontier. However, the weather was

LATEST

European Child Falls To Death

THE SIX-YEAR-OLD son of Mr. and Mrs. Lent, of 5 Gap Road, Happy Valley, crashed eighty feet to his death yesterday when he overbalanced from the roof of his home. According to a report to the police, the child, Thomas Lent, was playing on the roof of the building, the ground floor of which is occupied by his parents.

By some means he climbed up on to the parapet, and was apparently climbing down again when he overbalanced and fell.

The child was dead when he was picked up.

See Back Page For
Further Late News

Allied Navies Tighten Grip Off Scandinavia

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

BERGEN, Feb. 21 (UP).—Coastal observers here report that ships of British and German nationality are standing offshore.

DETAINED BRITONS

Japanese Action Is Queried In House

LONDON, Feb. 21 (Reuter).—In the House of Commons to-day, Mr. R. A. Butler, Under Secretary for Foreign Affairs, reported the recent arrests of Britons in Japan.

The Rev. F. E. Watts, an Australian, in charge of the Kobe branch of the Mission to Seamen; H. J. Griffiths, of the firm of J. L. Thompson and Co., and V. O. Peters had been detained by the Japanese Police since January 17, he disclosed.

No Precise Charges

The precise nature of the charges against them was not yet officially specified. His Majesty's Consul-General at Kobe had twice visited the Rev. Watts and Mr. Griffiths and reported that they were in reasonably good health.

It had not yet been possible for him to visit Mr. Peters. Viscount Halifax was in constant communication with Sir Robert Craigie, the British Ambassador to Tokyo, on developments in these cases.

Vote Of Confidence

STOCKHOLM, Feb. 21 (Reuter).—The Parliament here to-day gave the Prime Minister an expression of confidence in his foreign policy.

NAZI BATTLESHIP IN SOUTH ATLANTIC

MONTEVIDEO, Feb. 21 (Reuter).—A Nazi pocket battleship, either the Deutschland or the Admiral Scheer, is now in the South Atlantic waiting to attack merchant ships and avenge the Graf Spee, according to the newspaper, "El Pueblo," which quotes an "authoritative source."

The newspaper assumes that the German cargo-boat, Lahn, which recently loaded coal and left ostensibly for Buenos Aires will act as supply ship for the pocket battleship.

To Run British Blockade

NEW YORK, Feb. 21 (Reuter).—Times' dispatch from Rio de Janeiro. The German 14,000-ton freighter, The ship's captain declares that he Antonio Delfino, is ready to sail will not permit her capture.

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G. R.

PARTICULARS & CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Monday, the 26th day of February, 1940, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Mount Cameron Road, in the Colony of Hong Kong, for a term of 21 years.

Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant) will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, (\$200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Purchase price.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents in sq. feet	Ann. Rent	Upset Price
3	No. 113	Mount Cameron Road, opposite R. H. Hing Road, Lot No. 420	N. 113 E. 113 S. 113 W. 113	26,500	\$ 485	\$13,875
as per sale plan.						

POST OFFICE

INWARD MAILS
Air Mail by Imperial Airways Direct Service—London date, 14th February.
Amoy Feb. 22.
Bangkok and Saigon Feb. 22.
Haliphong Feb. 22.
Canton Feb. 22.
U.S.A., Honolulu, and Japan (San Francisco date, 20th Jan.) Feb. 23.
Shanghai Feb. 23.
Canton Feb. 24.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan, Shanghai and Manila (San Francisco date, 20th Jan.) Feb. 24.
Air Mail by Imperial Airways Direct Service—London date, 17th February.
Haliphong, Heliow and Fort Bayard Feb. 25.
Shanghai Feb. 25.
Straits Feb. 25.
Canton Feb. 25.
Japan Feb. 25.
Manila Feb. 25.
Sundakan Feb. 25.
Shanghai and Amoy Feb. 25.

OUTWARD MAILS
Thursday, Feb. 22
Shanghai 2.30 p.m.
Sundakan 12.30 p.m.
Haliphong 1 p.m.
Straits 2.30 p.m.
Amoy 7 p.m.
Shanghai 7.00 p.m.
Friday, Feb. 23
Amoy and Shanghai 10 a.m.
Amoy and Shanghai 2.30 p.m.
Saturday, Feb. 24
Straits, Amoy and Formosa 8.30 a.m.
Parcels only for Tientsin 10.30 a.m.
Air Mail for "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due London 3rd March.
G.P.O. & R.P.O.
Reg. Feb. 24, 5 p.m.
Ord. Feb. 24, 5.30 p.m.
Haliphong 5.30 p.m.
Sunday, Feb. 25
Formosa, Shanghai and Japan 9 a.m.
Shanghai (Parcels only) 9.00 a.m.
Straits, Sundakan, Madang, Salamau, Rabaul and Tulagi 9 a.m.
Monday, Feb. 26
Canton 7.15 a.m.
Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu, U.S.A., Central and South America via San Francisco—due San Francisco 17th March.
G.P.O. and R.P.O.
Parcels Feb. 24, 5 p.m.
Reg. Feb. 26, 9.45 a.m.
Ord. Feb. 26, 10.30 a.m.
Haliphong 1 p.m.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

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Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant) will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, (\$200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Purchase price.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents in sq. feet	Ann. Rent	Upset Price
No. 423	No. 423	Between To Kwa Wan Road, and H. Hing Road, South West of Kowloon Inland Lot No. 4143	N. 423 E. 423 S. 423 W. 423	26,500	\$ 485	\$13,875
as per sale plan.						

G. R.

PARTICULARS & CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Monday, the 26th day of February, 1940, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Tylam, in the Colony of Hong Kong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the KING, for one further term of 75 years.

Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant) will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, (\$200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Purchase price.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents in sq. feet	Ann. Rent	Upset Price
2	No. 423	Opposite Rural Building, Lot No. 423, Inland Lot, Tylam.	N. 423 E. 423 S. 423 W. 423	15,000	\$ 173	\$ 3,750
As per sale plan.						

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THREE MEN WHO FOUGHT THE ADMIRAL GRAF SPEE TO MARRY

From H. de WINTON WICLEY

Admiral's Medal To Be Auctioned

LONDON.—War medals and decorations belonging to the late Mr. E. E. Needes of Highgate, London, have been sold at Glendinning's, Oxford-circus. Among them was a Naval Service Medal with six bars awarded to Rear-admiral Cockburn, for gallant conduct at sea at St. Vincent, Egypt and Martinique.

Blockade Is Ruinous: Nazi Wail

ZURICH. An article in Goering's periodical, the "Five Years Plan," written by Emil Helfferich, admits the strangulation of Germany's trade by the British contraband control.

Helfferich, a German economic expert, writes: "We must face facts. As in 1914-18, England's power has brought the German overseas trade to a complete standstill. 'German ships are lying in more than 100 harbours all over the globe. These goods and ships are blockaded by the British Navy and part of them have already been confiscated.'"

"Export Or Die"

"Another complication is that German importers will not be able to unload and store any goods which might eventually arrive, and which they ordered and paid for a long time ago, owing to lack of space. The tragedy of 1914-18 is being repeated on the German export front. 'The Fuehrer himself said: Germany must export or die. The whole of the import and export trade, particularly exports, made the greatest efforts to 'carry out the Fuehrer's wishes, and the result is that in Kiel, Luebeck, Bremen, and Hamburg they are all gradually heading for ruin.'"

"None of the firms were able to build up any financial reserve owing to heavy taxation, and as they are compelled to meet their interest payments and all liabilities and cover their overdrafts, they are all heavily involved."

CRIPPLED VESSEL BOMBED, SUNK

THE ruthless bombing and machine-gunning of an unarmed British ship were described by her crew, who were landed at Flushing by a Dutch steamer.

The bombed vessel was the Highwave (1,178 tons), of London.

She had neither guns nor radio, and when the attack took place in the North Sea she could not move because her engines were out of order.

The second engineer said: "First the 'plane machine-gunned us from all sides. Bullets whistled through the second mate's cabin, and two of our men fell wounded, one in the shoulder and the other in the leg."

"Then the 'plane circled round, dropping bombs each time it came over us, first small incendiary bombs, then high explosives."

"The bridge was carried clean away. The forward mast went down like a ninepin."

"Ten bombs were dropped, and the last, a big one, took the whole side of the ship away."

"We had only three minutes to leave the ship and take to the boats."

"Darts" Dropped on Ship

A "shower of silver darts" is said to have been dropped by a Nazi 'plane which attacked a Grimby tugboat, the Fusell.

The crew took to the boats but later went back to the damaged vessel and got her to port.

DOWN in the wardroom was a crowd of naval and marine officers from other ships, paying a congratulatory visit.

In this cheery atmosphere we had lunch, with a buzz of conversation around us.

Only a few weeks ago the wardroom was the hospital, and these young surgeons' now chatting over their meal had their instruments spread out, ready for emergencies. The padre was standing by to attend to the wounded and dying.

Seven of the crew of Ajax were killed.

Their bodies were committed to the sea.

The Eye of the Ajax

STANDING at my elbow in the wardroom was a tall, fair young man. He was the eye of the Ajax that fatal day. He was captivated from her deck by a aeroplane and flew over the thundering, smoking ships, telling the little British fleet all that he could see.

I shook hands with him, congratulated him, and told him I had heard that he gave warning of a torpedo that was streaking for Ajax. He smiled and said: "We all had jobs to do that day."

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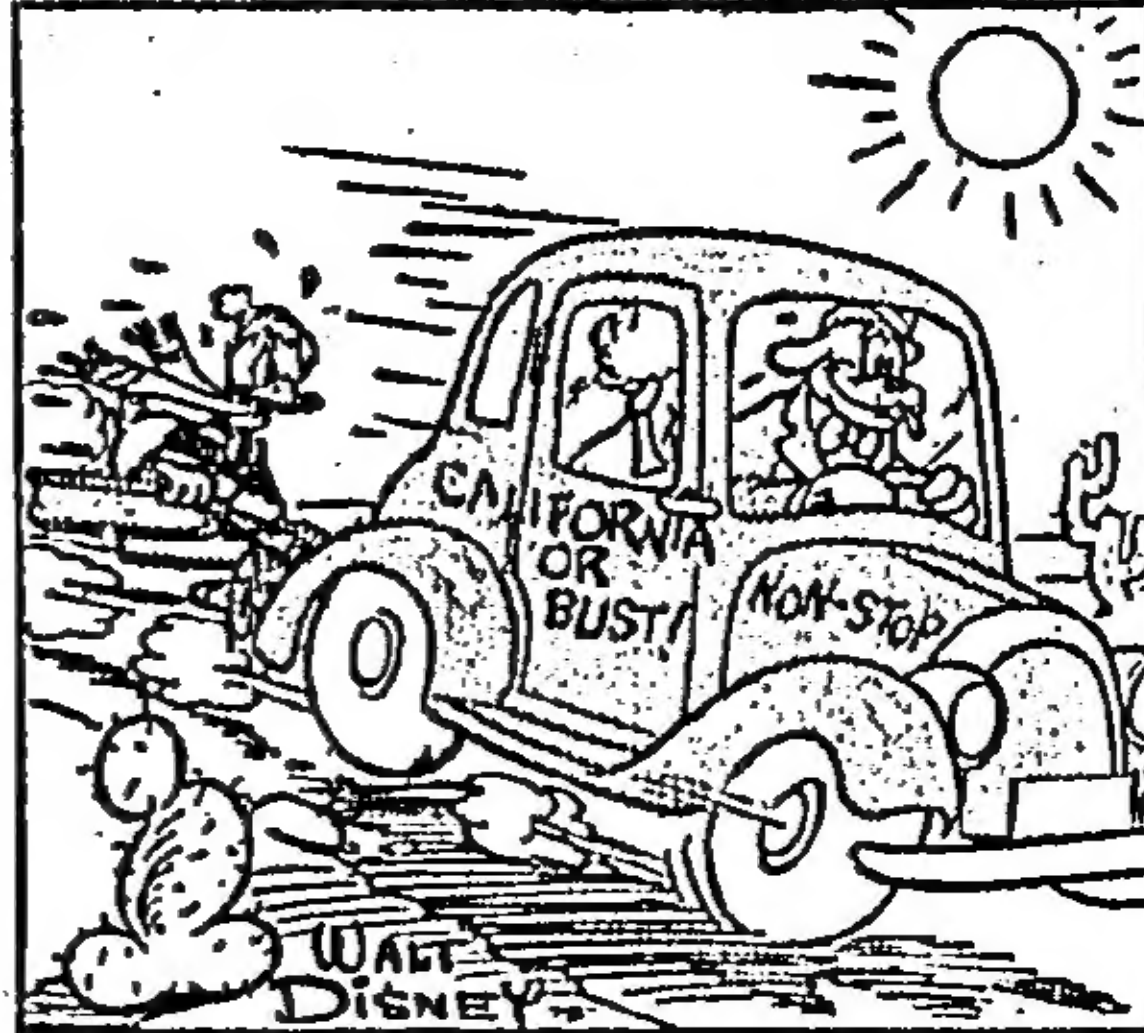
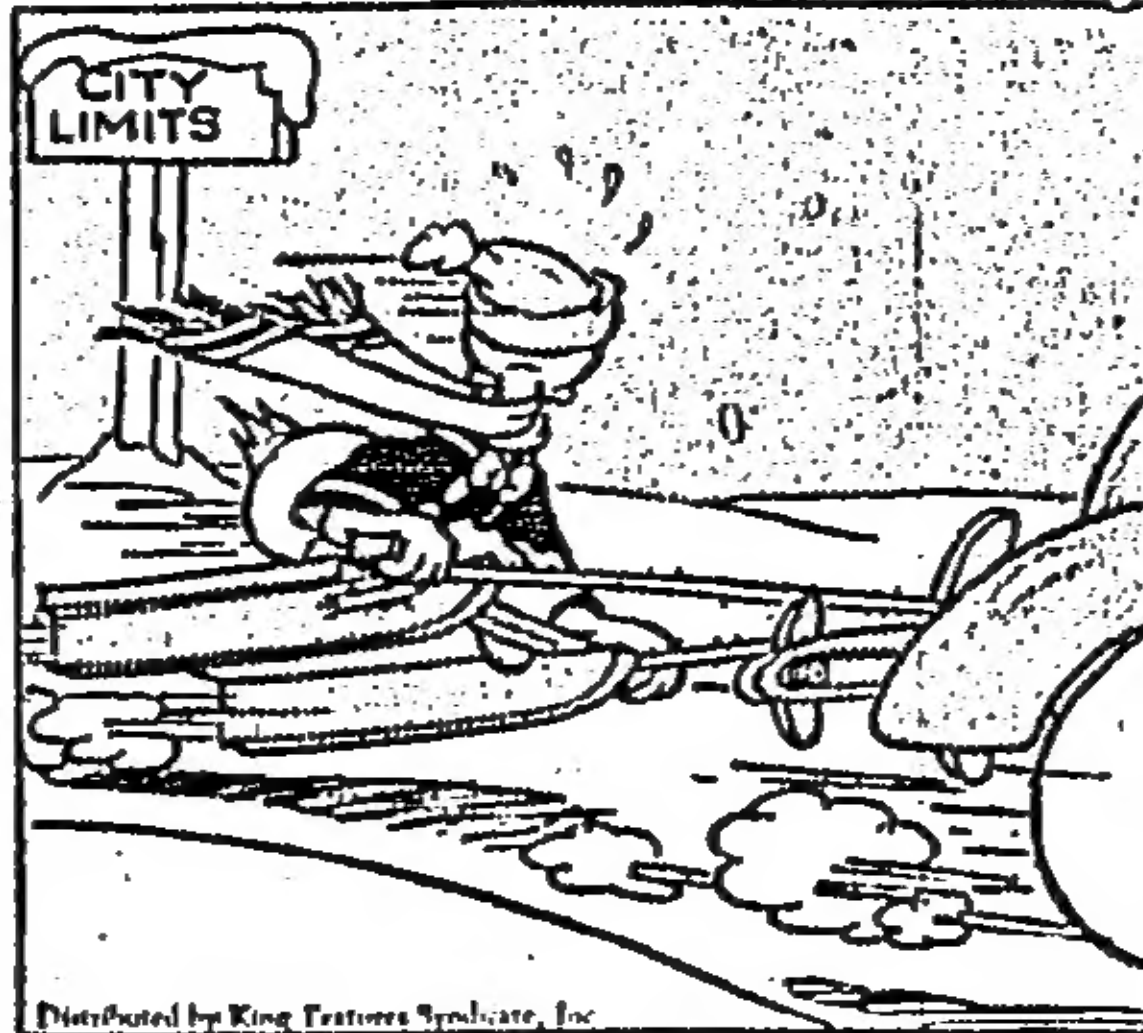
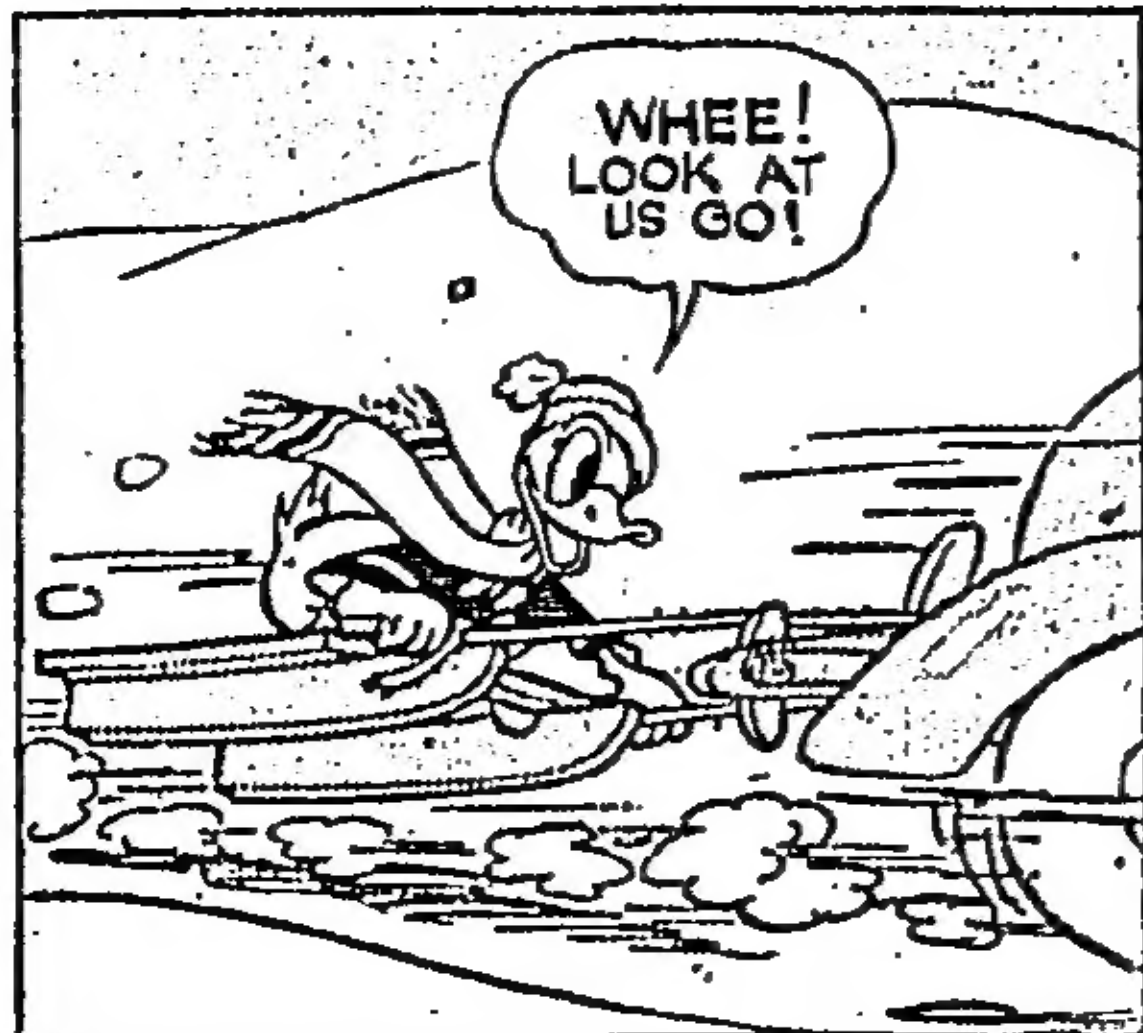
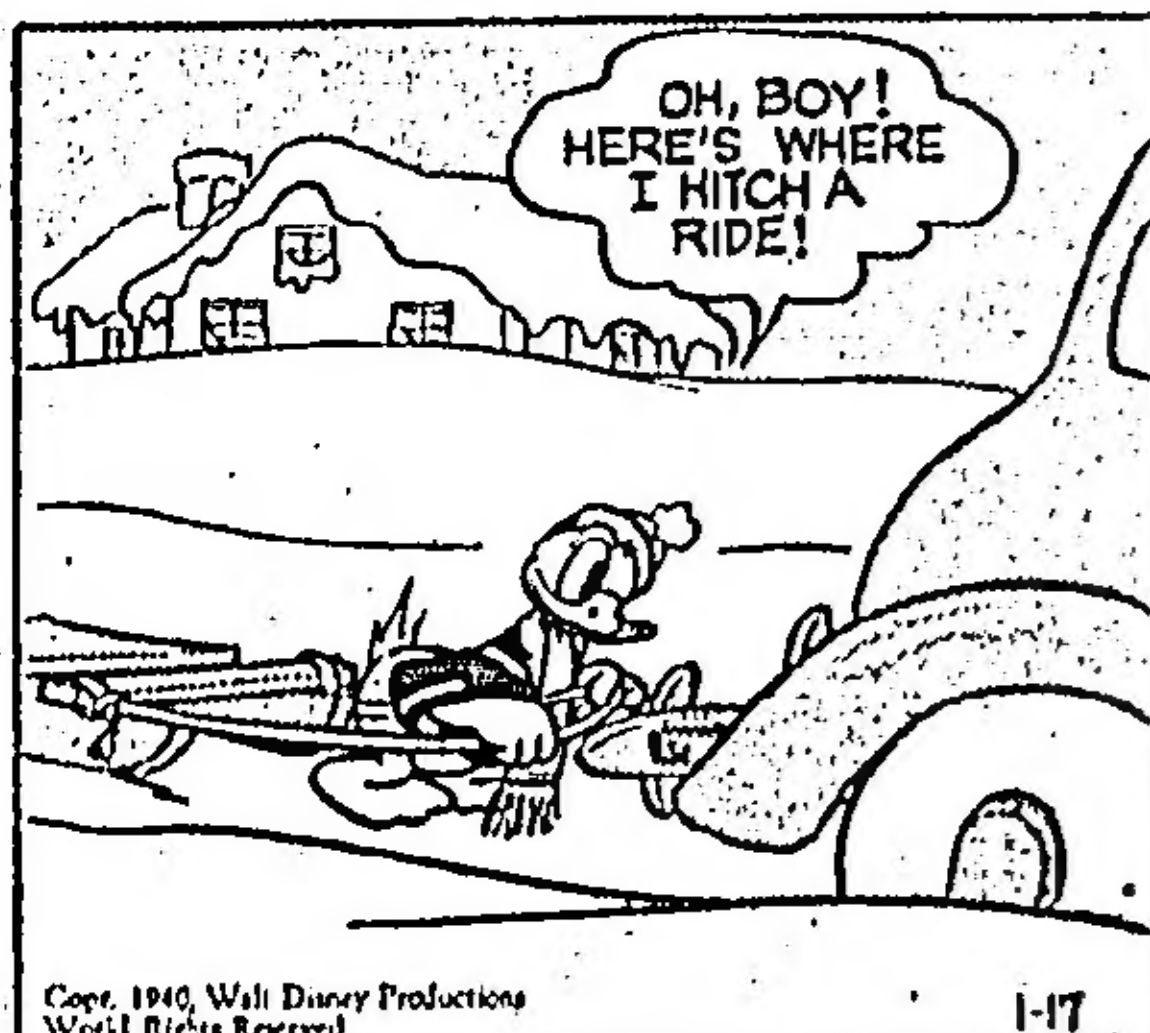
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PEACE BASED ON THE RIGHTS OF MAN

By RITCHIE CALDER

WELLS' New Year Message, published as "The New World Order," is one of hope.

Like the finger-post of the New Age, he points the way through war, to peace.

"Concurrently with this war," he says, "we need a great debate. We want every possible person in the world to take part in that debate."

"It is something much more important than the actual warfare... It is intolerable to think of this storm of universal distress leading to nothing but a conference of diplomats out of touch with the world, with secret sessions, ambiguous 'understandings'... Not truce, surely, can that occur."

"Now, while the guns are still thundering, it is the time for thought. It is incredibly foolish to talk as so many people do of ending the war and then having a world conference to inaugurate a New Age."

"So soon as the fighting stops the real world conference, the live discussion, will stop too. The diplomats and the politicians will assemble with an air of profound competence and close the doors upon the world and resume 'Versailles' while the silenced world gazes and waits upon their mysteries."

Russia

HE has no doubts about the solution. "Socialism! Become outright collectivism."

But at the basis there must be the acceptance of a new Declaration of the Rights of Man.

"The more highly things are collectivized the more necessary is a legal system embodying the Rights of Man. This has been forgotten under the Soviets."

"The objection to the Soviet collectivism is that, lacking the antiseptic of legally assured personal freedom, it will not keep. It is a gravitate, inevitably towards an oligarchy or an autocracy protecting its incapacity by the repression of adverse comment."

"We have to confront Eastern-spirited

The World Is Awake

"NOW suddenly everywhere one meets with alarmed and open and inquiring minds," says Wells. "I never expected to live to see the world with its eyes as widely opened as they are to-day. The world has never been so awake."

collectivism with Western-spirited collectivism. "Stalin and Stalinism are neither the beginning nor the end of the collectivism of Russia."

Of the Russians he says: "They escape from the Tsar and in 20 years they are worshipping Stalin, originally a fairly honest, unoriginal, ambitious revolutionary, driven to self-defensive cruelty and inflated by flattery to his present quasi-divine autocracy."

"The cycle completes itself, and we see that, like every other merely insurrectionary revolution, nothing has happened, a lot of people have been liquidated, and a lot of other people have replaced them, and Russia seems to be returning to a patriotic absolutism of doubtful efficiency and vague incalculable aims."

Revolution

A REVOLUTION," Wells says, "need neither be an explosion nor a coup d'état."

"And the Revolution which lies before us is the only hopeful alternative to chaos, either directly or after an interlude of world communism, is to be obtained by neither of these methods."

"We do not complain of the Russian Revolution, as a revolution. We complain that it is not a good enough Revolution and we want a better one."

"While other men toiled at this sign of the problem of collectivism, Marx found his almost childishly simple recipe."

Hitler

"TO-DAY there is a war to get rid of Adolf Hitler, who has now taken the part of the Hohenzollerns in the drama."

"He too has outraged the Club Rules, and he too is to be expelled. The war,

the Chamberlain-Hitler war, is being waged so far by the British Empire, in quite the old spirit."

"There is the same resolute disregard of any more fundamental problem."

"Still the minds of our comfortable and influential ruling-class people refuse to accept the plain intimation that their time is over, that the Balance of Power and uncontrolled business methods cannot continue, and that Hitler, like the Hohenzollerns, is a mere offensive parasite on the face of a deeply ailing world."

"To get rid of him and his Nazis will no more be a cure of the world's ills than scraping will heal measles. The disease will manifest itself in some new eruption."

"It is the system of nationalist individualism and unco-ordinated enterprise that is the world's disease and it is the whole system that has to go."

"It cannot hope to 'muddle through,' amiably, wastefully and dangerously a second time."

Taxation

MAN, the heir of the ages, is a demoralised spendthrift, in a state of galloping consumption, living on stimulants."

"In Western Europe now the dissolution and the drive towards socialism progress by leaps and bounds."

"The changes that have occurred in Great Britain in less than a year are astounding. They recall in many particulars the social dislocation in Russia in the closing months of 1917."

"There is a shifting and making up of people that would have seemed impossible to anyone in 1937."

"Income tax, super-tax, death duties and taxes on war profits have been raised to a level that should practically extinguish the once-prosperous middle strata of society."

"The very wealthy will survive, in shorn and diminished state. They will hang on to the last."

The Premier

"MOST people are heartily sick of Mr. Chamberlain and his Government, but they cannot face a political split in war-time and he sticks to office with all the pertinacity of a barnacle."

"But if we do not attack the Government as a whole, but individual Ministers



ters, and replace them one by one, we shall presently have a Government so rejuvenated that Mr. Chamberlain will accept his superannuation."

And so Wells demands a full and frank discussion of what we are fighting for.

He calls for a Declaration of the Rights of Man, which, because of the complexity of the social structure to-day, must go further than its predecessors.

"Such a Declaration should be interwoven with the declared war aims of the combatant powers, be a primary fact in the settlement, and it should be placed before the non-combatant States for their approval, embarrassed silence, or rejection."

War Aims

"THE idea of again splitting up Germany into discordant fragments so as to postpone her ultimate recovery indefinitely is a pseudo-democratic slanders' dream."

"We have need of the peculiar qualities of her people, and the sooner she recovers the better for the whole world."

"The world has the right to insist that not simply some German Government, but to a level that should practically extinguish the once-prosperous middle strata of society."

"Brought to acquiesce in such a declaration, Germany, already lightly collectivized, may come much earlier than Great Britain or France to a completely liberal socialist regime."

"If we, the virtuous democracies, are not fighting for these common human rights, then what in the name of the nobility, the gentry, the Crown, the Established Church, The Times and the Army and Navy Club, are we, the common British people, fighting for?"

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VIEWING BY PHONE PLAN FOR ENGLAND

A "PLUG-IN-AND-VIEW" TELEVISION PLAN WHICH WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR HOMES AND CINEMAS HAS BEEN COMPLETED BY LEADERS OF BRITAIN'S TELEVISION AND CINEMA INDUSTRIES.

Home service will be "on tap" for those who have phones at an all-in cost of 5s. a week. Television was the first casualty of the war, as the ultra shortwave signals radiated from Alexandra Palace had to be stopped because enemy aircraft could take their bearing from them.

Experts have now discovered a way of resuming television in safety, and the plan will be presented to the Postmaster-General, his technical advisers, and Lord Cadman, chairman of the Television Advisory Committee, early this year.

Ready By The Spring

If the consent of the P.M.G. is quickly obtained the plan can be in operation by spring. Not a penny of the taxpayers' money is necessary. It will provide an additional source of revenue for Sir John Simon.

Man behind the plan is Mr. S. Sagall, managing director of Scopophony, pioneers of large-screen television. He says: "I am backed by Mr. Oscar Deutsch." Mr. Deutsch is head of the 350 Odeon cinemas.

There will be a central transmitting station much simpler than the present Alexandra Palace plant, and programmes may be staged in studios located in other parts of London.

To Be Shared By All

Technicians have worked out a plan which will enable television programmes to be transmitted over the telephone lines even while they are being used for conversations.

There will be no monopoly in the scheme. It will be shared by the whole television industry. The main purpose of the plan is to enable Britain to maintain her lead in television technique—the result of years of patient research work.

Mr. Sagall said: "In this country alone, the television industry would, over the next ten years, be worth £150,000,000. To-day British television is supreme."

Mr. Oscar Deutsch said: "The plan has my complete approval. I am sure it will also have the support of the cinema industry."

INSIDE GERMANY HITLER TO "RAID" LONDON!

By WILLI FRISCHAUER

"HITLER, the war-hero, is the slogan which the Nazi Propaganda Ministry is now trying to plug into the German people's minds. From a diplomat who has just come out of Germany I hear the fantastic climax which is being planned for this campaign."

PROPAGANDA officials are now openly talking about the possibility of "Hitler flying over London" and the great opportunities which this stunt would give for exploitation by Goebbels.

I understand that Hitler is interested in the suggestion. Not that he will really fly over London—but he might lend his name for this greatest of all Nazi propaganda lies.

THE Gestapo has been given a hard task by Himmler, its chief. It is now forced to look for all the important Germans who are not there. Himmler is worried about the number of minor industrialists, especially from the Ruhr district, who have followed Herr Thyssen into exile.

AT least ten leading Ruhr firms have suddenly found themselves without their owners or managing directors.

Himmler wants a list of the missing men because he can then take legal action against them by confiscating their property. They left Germany because control of this property was slowly being taken out of their hands.

MORE serious, perhaps, than Otto Strasser's Black Front conspirators and all the other anti-Nazi sections of the German population, is the

gathering revolt of the German women.

German women were once Hitler's most enthusiastic supporters. Now they are openly rallying against him.

THE proverbially quick-witted market-women of the Naschmarkt, Vienna's food distribution centre, gave the lead when they staged a violent riot last week. S.S. men were rushed to the scene, because Vienna's policemen think twice before quarrelling with the market-women. But the Black Guards were soon defeated.

THEY did not dare to shoot, and the women, far from retreating before their charges, tore their coats off their backs and put them to flight.

The "Naschmarkt" has won the whole of Vienna to its side, and demonstrations of factory girls in the industrial suburbs have been the first.

End Rheumatism While You Sleep

If you suffer sharp, stabbing pains, if joints are swollen, if shows your blood is poisoned through faulty kidney action. Such symptoms of kidney disorders are: Burning, itching passages, "getting up" at night, backache, dizziness, nervousness, diarrhoea, flatulence, colds, purty ankles, circles under eyes, swollen feet, etc. Cystex medicine can't help much—you must kill the germ causing the trouble. Cystex medicine removes the cause. Get Cystex from any Chemist or Pharmacy to put you right or money back. Act Now! In 24 hours you will feel better, and be completely well. The Guarantee. The Guarantee. The Guarantee. For Kidney, Rheumatism, Backache, etc.

Czech Regime-in-Exile Recognized by Britain

LONDON.—Great Britain has officially recognized the Czechoslovakian government-in-exile.

The action took the form of an exchange of documents in which the "Czechoslovak National Committee" was recognized by Great Britain as the legal Government of the former Republic which is now under German occupation.

The Committee is headed by Dr. Eduard Benes, former President of Czechoslovakia, and Jan Masaryk, who was the Czechoslovak Minister to London and is the son of the founder of the Republic. Dr. Benes collaborator, Dr. Thomas G. Masaryk. The action follows that of the French Government which on Nov. 17 recognized the Czechoslovak National Committee as the legal government.

Army Training in France The Committee's major activity is to carry out an agreement reached with the French on Oct. 2, for the organization of a Czechoslovak army. This army is already training "somewhere in France."

The original efforts for recognition by Britain and France of the Czechoslovakian government-in-exile were delayed by differences of opinion between the Czech and

GORT'S COUSIN, FREE, HAS JAIL SOUVENIR

CARRYING a plate with him as a souvenir of his capture by the Germans, Mr. George Gordon Vereker, cousin of Lord Gort (Commander-in-Chief of the B.E.F.), will arrive in England within the next few days.

Mr. Vereker, forty-nine-year-old, Mr. Vereker fought in the last war as ex-cousin of the British Embassy in Moscow, is now in Oslo, Norway, an A.T.S. driver and expert pilot. He left Tallinn for Stockholm in an Estonian steamer to take up a diplomatic post as Minister to Bolivia.

The vessel was intercepted in the Baltic by a German warship, and was taken to Swinemunde, north Germany, where Mr. Vereker was put ashore and detained for a fortnight.

Polite He said: "My imprisonment was not comfortable, but was as favourable as possible in the circumstances. The Germans were most polite, and gave me the plate from which I had eaten for a fortnight as a souvenir."

Napoleon Of The Screen Now In The Ranks



CHARLES BOYER, the film actor, has a new role. He is a private in the French Army. There is definitely less glamour in real life for Boyer than on the screen, where he has played the part of Napoleon. He is seen as the Emperor of France with Greta Garbo, while below is the latest picture of the actor in his real life role as a French private.



India's Safety—By An Indian Leader

LUCKNOW.—Said Mr. S. P. Paranjape, president of the All-India Liberal Federation, addressing the federation: "The great danger to democracy in India is the growing totalitarianism spirit in the Congress and the Muslim League."

ANNUAL CHARITY BALL

The annual charity ball of the Hongkong Society for the Protection of Children, Women's Auxiliary, under the esteemed patronage of His Excellency the Governor and Lady Northcote, will be held at the Peninsula Hotel on Friday, April 5, at 8.30 p.m. There will be cabaret items and supper. Tickets at \$4 each are now available.

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Air Power

"What I have seen since I began," says the old engineer in Kipling's ballad, "leaves me no doubt of the machine. But what about the man?"

The range of the Wellington bomber is far greater, with full war load, than a thousand miles each way. We have already a smaller type which has done more than 7,000 miles without a stop. R.A.F. machines now passing from the factories to units are far superior to those of a year ago, and the output has been more than doubled. But however good the aircraft, long range flights over Germany would not be possible without great daring and enterprise and the highest level of skill in piloting and navigation.

Both men and machines of the R.A.F. will hold something more than their own against those which Hitlerism can send up.

In these first months of the war the Air Force has had a testing time, with the results of which we may well be satisfied.

It has inflicted a heavy proportion of losses on the enemy aircraft which have tried to break through our defences. Its bombers have made effective attacks on German naval and aeroplane bases.

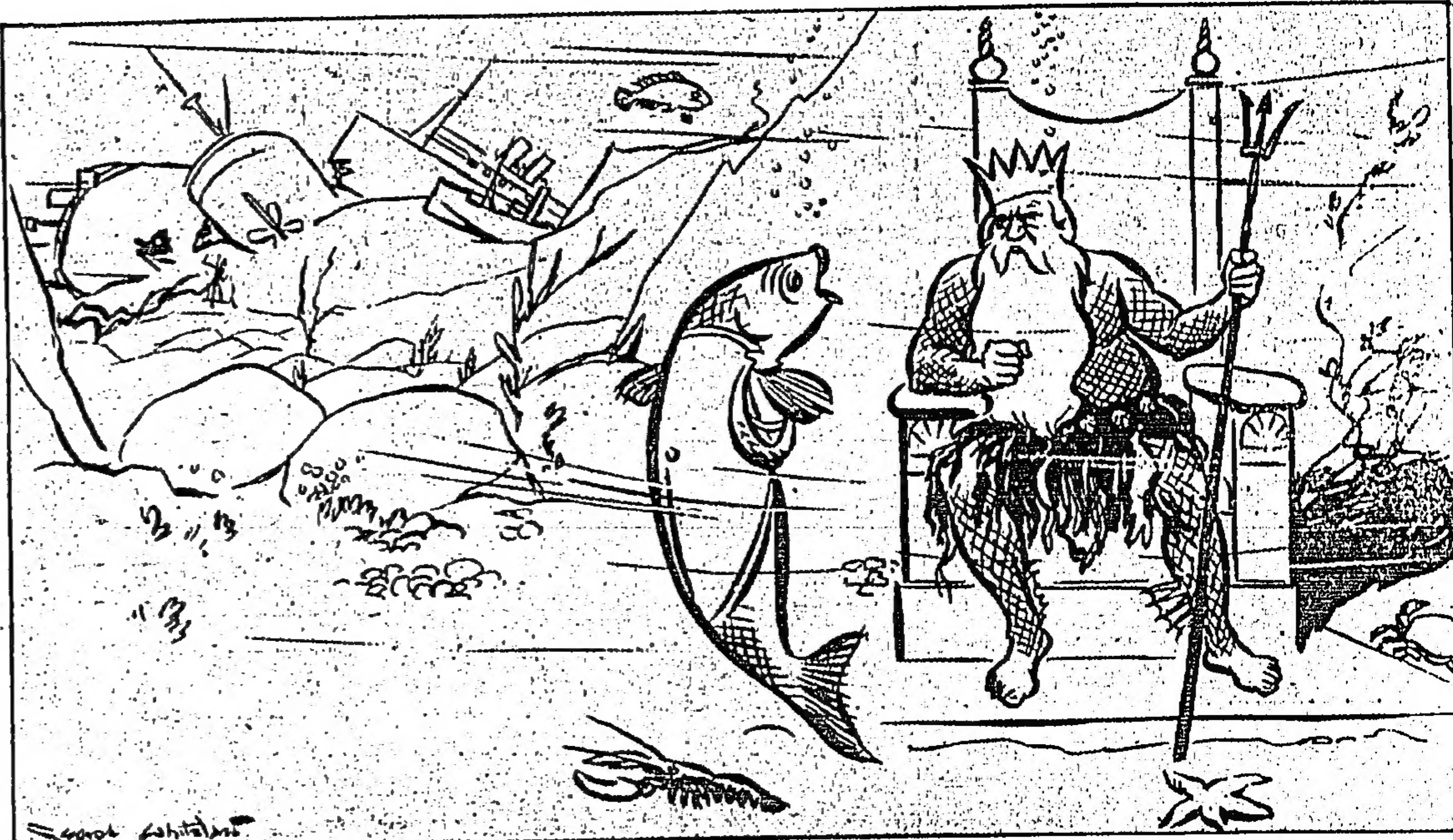
In baffling the campaign against merchant shipping it has given valuable help, so valuable that we may now consider the theory of the rise of air power weakening sea power to be proved fallacious.

A country of superior naval strength, it is clear, may increase its command of the sea by the use of the air arm.

Decisive air action has yet to come, and it is, of course, impossible to predict in what manner the Air Force may be used in major operations.

We have to expect that a more strenuous struggle may soon be fought whether only one or all the three elements are the scene of desperate effort.

But every day we have a better prospect of establishing our ascendancy in the air. Beyond the plans of production and training at home now coming to full development lies the formation of Imperial air power of overwhelming strength.



Strange goings-on, your Majesty! A lot of passenger liners and cargo vessels have sunk in the last week or two. Ah! Germany must be at war again.

Sidelights on the PEOPLE at war..

IN GERMANY..

Hushed and anxious

WITH the war not yet three months old how goes it with the enemy? What are the German people thinking and feeling? How is their morale? How does the Fuehrer stand with his own people?

Important questions; and not too easy to answer. For really reliable evidence is hard to come by. And the other kind—rumours, propaganda, sensational stories—is too plentiful.

But reliable evidence is to be had. The prevailing mood in the towns—today—at any rate in the towns—seems to be one of growing disillusion and depression. People are anxious, uncertain and worried about the possibilities of the future.

It is a sharp swing back from the confidence of the past few years. Before the war even anti-Nazis had come to have an almost superstitious belief in Hitler's genius—or good luck. Success followed glittering success; and always it was victory without war.

The coming of war was the first shock. But not an over-severe one. For Nazis and anti-Nazis alike had been persuaded that war would bring swift and shattering victories for the irresistible might of Germany. They had believed the boasts of their leaders. It is not the coming of war, but the absence of any spectacular feat of arms that is undermining confidence. For the first time the Nazi leaders seem unable to perform what they so loudly promised.

Faith in them weakens. But so far one can put it no higher. The mass of the people still put their trust in Herr Hitler, still believe that he will somehow pull them through.

They cling indeed to that faith. For they see no alternative; or only alternatives which they dread. Where else shall they look for leadership?

EVERYBODY dreads defeat, the possibility of economic collapse, the possibility of political disintegration; and the party propaganda plays adroitly on these fears.

The country then rallies to the Fuehrer because it must rally; and because there is nobody and nothing else to rally round. It has become sceptical about victory; but it believes that he may be able to win peace without defeat, and that nobody else can.

Therefore the great bulk of the German people is still loyal to the regime. There is no sign and no likelihood as yet of any serious "crack."

But—except among the blindly faithful of the Party—the loyalty is without enthusiasm. The Nazi leaders' expectation that the Munich outrage would evoke demonstrations of passionate devotion to the Leader has been completely disappointed. There is no enthusiasm.

With the war as it is the mood is one of nervous uncertainty, of growing apprehension, of resentment at increasing hardships; but of acceptance of it all because no one can see what to do except look to Herr Hitler to get the country out of the situation into which he has led it.

In that mood the anti-British propaganda campaign has had great effect. The human mind—perhaps the German mind especially—needs to throw blame on somebody for its misfortune.

The German people is loath to

blame the Fuehrer; for it still needs to trust him. Moreover, blaming the Fuehrer is a dangerous occupation. So it grasps eagerly at the suggestion that everything is due to the wickedness of Chamberlain and Churchill.

Food stocks are sufficient. But there is a lack of fats and of other things needed for a properly balanced diet. The result—as doctors were beginning to note even before the war—is a lessening of physical efficiency, a growth of nervousness and irritability.

In recent weeks neutral observers have noted how much people talk about food. That is an eloquent sign.

GERMANY then is a long way from anything like starvation, probably a long way from anything like an economic breakdown through shortage of raw material.

But the shortages which exist, coupled with the ever-increasing pressure of longer hours and speeding up, begin to tell on the nation's nerves.

Outward expressions of discontent are few. The Gestapo sees to that.

There have been some signs of unrest in a few cities. But these are rare; and too much should not be made of them. Germany in the third month of war is neither "on the verge of revolt," nor "seething with discontent," nor anything like it.

But it is depressed and anxious, disillusioned and uncertain of itself. The war of nerves is beginning to have effect; and it is the German nerves which are beginning to be frayed by the strain.

IN BRITAIN..

Your voice counts

(more than ever before)

THROUGHOUT the last few weeks there has been revealed a clue to one of the greatest miscalculations Hitler, Goering and Goebbels have ever made.

Not so long ago it was the fashion in this country to poke fun at Parliament as a dithering and time-wasting institution cluttered up and hampered by red-tape.

Parliament suddenly showed its new-found might on that amazing Saturday evening sitting of the House of Commons on September 2, when Arthur Greenwood, rising from the Labour front bench, was greeted with a cry of "Speak for England!"

On the Sunday morning war came and the first siren sounded its note over London. There is a great story still to be told about that Saturday night and that Sunday morning.

But it is supremely important to point out that during those few dramatic hours Parliament, realising that it represented, perhaps as never before, the people's will, took charge.

No one who looked on that historic scene could believe that henceforward a democratic Parliament would fail to act properly.

So Hitlerism has strengthened that

which it wished to destroy. Parliament is to be prorogued to-day. It will meet again next Tuesday an institution more powerful than it has been for many generations.

During these weeks of war its proceedings have been sometimes dramatic, sometimes humdrum.

But always there has been effectiveness. There was nothing to equal it in the Great War. Then, nine times out of ten, the Government influenced Parliament. The difference is that Parliament now influences the Government. Day by day there has been an obvious and un concealed anxiety of Ministers to meet the wishes of the House.

Constructive speeches or searching questions from the Opposition members are cheered from the Government back-benches.

That is not to say that Party issues and Party principles have gone by the board. On the contrary. Since that first siren sounded they have been as clear-cut as ever on certain issues, and as keenly fought. But nobody can now question the supremacy of Parliament.

The power of this new-found Parliamentary control has been expressed in many ways. Government to review and improve the allowances for dependents of men in the fighting Services, to set up an inquiry into a remodelling of the old-age pensions.

It secured a Select Committee to keep a watch on war expenditure.

It insisted on measures to deal with profiteering, made the Government climb down on the regulations under the Emergency Powers Act which would have brought back curfew, imprisonment without trial, and punishment for the dissemination of news and the propaganda of opinion.

Recorded facts show how great a part Labour has played. It is indisputable that but for the Labour Opposition and its constructive work much of what has been done or would have been tragically delayed.

Within a few days of its insistence on evacuation, "the greatest exodus since Moses," to quote Mr. Walter Elliot, was successfully carried out.

Industrial Labour has gone in "on the ground floor" in the organisation of war material output. The Ministry of Information has been reformed because of Labour's insistence, and by the same pressure, the Ministry of Shipping has been set up.

Hardly a phase of national war-time life has been left unimproved by the pressure of free Parliamentary opinion. Early in the war Mr. Greenwood defined the functions of Parliament as being twofold:

First, to hear statements by the Prime Minister and the Government; and if necessary to debate and question them.

Second, for those M.P.s "close to the heart of the people" to bring home to the Government questions troubling the people's minds.

"I believe," he said, "that in this way Parliament—a hated symbol to Hitler—will grow in power during this war and will not become an atrophied organ of an effete body."

Parliament has grown in power. It has grown more in three months than in thirty years. Nobody can move about among the people and fail to know that.

GRIN AND BEAR IT By Lichty



"I've got a new angle on the Truffe fellow's account—his wife gets money out of him by crying!"

SHIP STILL AGROUND

Berlin, Feb. 21. The Altmark in the ordinary course would have been expected to leave Jostedal Fjord within 24 hours after arrival but there is a technical impossibility in enforcing this rule as she is still aground and the 24-hour period will not begin until she is refloated and is fully able to go to sea.

The vessel has not been interned and therefore there is no question of her release.—United Press.

No Note Received

Oslo, Feb. 21. During an interview with the Tiden Tiden, the Foreign Minister, M. Halvdan Koht, said, "Some papers report that we received a note from the British Government. However, I can tell you we did not receive such a note."

Asked about the possible internment of the Altmark, M. Koht answered: "No decision has been made regarding that yet. The Norwegian Government have not yet discussed this question. The ship still belongs to the Germans."

Well-informed quarters state there is no question in ensuring Mr. Chamberlain by speedy liberation of the Altmark, above the uninterfered Germans are free to move when they wish.—United Press.

Pressure On Neutrals

Berlin, Feb. 21. The morning papers express the belief which is spreading throughout Europe, that the Altmark incident has ushered the war into an intensive stage of pressure upon the neutral powers.

The Berliner Lokal-Anzeiger declares: "The war has definitely entered a new phase. Will the rest of the nations remain neutral in face of repeated crimes by the British people? Such neutrality will only end under the heel of the British boot. But perhaps there are nations who think this is a worthy goal."—United Press.

Boomerang Propaganda Nazis Give The Lie To Themselves

LONDON, Feb. 21 (Reuter).—German propaganda is careful not to broadcast items which go direct to countries which know the real truth.

Thus the propaganda version of the sinking of the German ship, Watussi, has not been broadcast in the programmes to South Africa. The story says that British bombers machine-gunned life-boats of the German ship which scuttled herself on December 2. The vessel, it will be recalled, was intercepted by planes of the South Africa air force, manned by South Africans.

Complete Refutation
A South African official in London to-day pointed out that a complete refutation of the Nazi lie was provided by none other than the captain of the Watussi himself, whose statement to the South African press on December 4 was reported verbatim.

The captain described how he had prepared to scuttle his ship as a lone plane circled overhead. When everything was ready and there was no danger by abandoning the ship, he gave the order to hoist the German flag and for the passengers and crew in the life-boats to be overboard.

Shortly before giving this order, the sea-cocks had been opened and the passengers' quarters set on fire. "We were only in the life-boats for one hour before we were all picked up by a British warship. We could not have been better treated by the Royal Navy," they were told.

"The captain of the warship stood me a drink, and believe me, I needed it. The passengers were given coffee and food. Nor were my crew forgotten. They were given every attention possible."

Legal Battle For Cargoes

British Interests To Take Action
LONDON, Feb. 21 (Reuter).—British interests have decided to take legal action to secure the release of British cargoes from German ships lying in neutral ports.

This step follows the breakdown of negotiations under the Board of Trade licence with German owners for the release of British cargoes.

Concerted Action
At a meeting of British cargo owners to-day it was stated that cargoes worth £150,000 had been handed to owners in bases where such cargoes could be obtained against payment of a 5 per cent. refund contribution.

With the rupture in negotiations, however, it was no longer proposed to allow Germans to release individual cargoes where it suited them, and it was necessary to take such concerted legal action in selected cases in order to convince the Germans that they would be wise to make an agreement for the general release of cargoes.

Bombs On Sweden

Stockholm, Feb. 21. Russian planes bombed the Swedish village of Pajala, five miles across the border from Finland. Four buildings were burned down and a church slightly damaged.—Reuter.

British Squadron Near Petsamo

BERGEN, Feb. 21 (UP).—A British squadron comprising an unknown number of ships is cruising north of Norway near Petsamo.

It is not known whether they are seeking further German vessels, blockading iron ore shipments from Narvik, or whether their presence is related to possible action at Petsamo.

Observers on the Norwegian coast report that ships of British and German nationality can be seen standing off the shore but no fire has been seen or battle. From Kirkenes comes the report that there has been severe air fighting over the Petsamo region, but the nationality of the planes has so far been undetermined.

How Britain Is Aiding Finland Big War Supplies

LONDON, Feb. 21 (Reuter).—"Reuter" learns that the following war supplies have been sent from Britain to Finland:

- 141 aircraft of which 120 were fighters and 21 bombers. Between 40 and 50 have already reached Finland.
- 150 anti-tank rifles and ammunition.
- 10,000 anti-tank mines.
- 50,000 hand grenades.
- 25 howitzers.
- 100 machine guns and ammunition.
- A considerable quantity of small arms and ammunition.
- 24 anti-aircraft guns and ammunition.
- 30 field guns and ammunition.
- 10 3-inch mortars and ammunition.

In addition considerable quantities of non-lethal military equipment were also sent, including respirators, gas contamination items, tents, clothing and telephones.

No Mediation By Britain
LONDON, Feb. 21 (Reuter).—Mr. E. Shinwell, in the House of Commons to-day, asked whether Mr. Chamberlain would consider an approach to the League of Nations or President Roosevelt with the view to brokering mediation in the Russo-Finnish dispute.

Mr. R. A. Butler, the Under Secretary for Foreign Affairs, who replied, recalled that the mediation of the League of Nations was offered on December 12 and this was accepted by Finland but rejected by the Soviet Union.

It was open to the Finnish Government and the Soviet at any time to invite or accept the mediation of any third party, but His Majesty's Government had no authority to intervene between a third party and the two belligerent governments.

Honours For Indian Poet

Literature's G.O.M. Given Hon. Degree

LONDON, Feb. 21 (Reuter).—Sir Rabindranath Tagore, world famous Indian poet, has received the honorary degree of Doctor of Literature from the Oxford University.

Although he is now in his 80th year, he still writes poetry occasionally and turns to painting for relaxation.

Venerable Figure
He has always taken a leading part in the movement for the true appreciation of literature and art of his own country in preference to copying Western styles.

He won the Nobel prize for literature as far back as 1913, which makes Lord Lighthgow's statement that he is probably the most venerable figure in literature no exaggeration.

He took up painting when he was 68 years old.

In addition to his other work he has written and set to music over 3,000 songs.

Sir Rabindranath already holds the D. Litt. of Calcutta University, the Hindu University at Benares, the Dacca University and the Osmania University at Hyderabad.

Nazis Charter Italian Ships To Carry Russian Oil

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
ISTANBUL, Feb. 21 (Domel).—Reliable reports reaching here indicate that German interests recently chartered four Italian tankers to ship Soviet petroleum from Batumi to Varna and other ports on the Black Sea coast of Bulgaria.

The four tankers are reported to be capable of carrying 20,000 tons of oil in two weeks. They will play an important role in supplying oil to Germany during the war.

SWEDEN'S WAR CASUALTIES

228 HAVE PERISHED

Neutrals Suffering Most In War

STOCKHOLM, Feb. 21 (Reuter).—Since the beginning of the war, Sweden has lost by torpedoing or mines 32 cargo steamers aggregating 64,000 tons, the Swedish Foreign Minister told Parliament to-day in reply to an interpellation.

He said that 228 Swedish people had perished and 15 were missing. Seven ships for certain had been sunk by German U-boats, he said, and the tonnage lost by submarine action represented 26.6 of the total tonnage.

One and one-third of the tonnage lost by submarine action was destined for Britain. The rest was bound to neutral countries.

Fifty three per cent. of the tonnage lost was plying between neutral ports.

No Losses In Convoy
The Foreign Minister stated that to their knowledge no Swedish ship had been sunk while in British or French convoy.

He recalled the principles established in the London Agreement of 1936 regarding submarine warfare, and said that contrary to these principles, their ships had been torpedoed, although they had not refused to stop or undergo examination.

He recalled that the maritime warfare was characterised by contraband control by the Western Powers whereby Swedish ships were forced to enter very dangerous zones, by extensive lists of contraband and by intensive mine and submarine warfare.

Both sides used methods and defended them by arguments that neither one nor the other of the neutral countries could admit.

A Distinction
The Foreign Minister drew a distinction between the reaction of neutral countries who he described as violations on the open sea. He said that in the former case neutral country had every right to take every possible measure to oppose violation, but in the latter case direct measures were severely possible owing to the danger of involving neutrals in war.

Measures of indirect pressure, against violation depended on circumstances, he said.

Sweden took these possibilities into consideration in trade negotiations with belligerents.

The whole problem would be discussed at a meeting of the Foreign Ministers of the Scandinavian countries at the end of the week, he announced.

Norway Also Suffers
OSLO, Feb. 21 (Reuter).—Norway's losses now amount to 49 ships totaling 168,527 tons, it was announced to-day.

Altogether 327 Norwegians have been killed.

Believed U-boat Victim
ST. JEAN DE LUZE, Feb. 21 (Reuter).—The Spanish freighter, Undarosa, 2,000 tons, which sank six miles off Cape Villano after an explosion on Monday, is now believed to have been the victim of a German U-boat.

Britain's Coal Shortage

Due To The Abnormal Wintry Weather

LONDON, Feb. 21 (Reuter).—Making a statement on the coal problem, Captain Evan Vulliamy, Minister of Transport, said that the protracted spell of bad weather, including particularly heavy falls of snow and the prevalence of fog and other wintry conditions at sea—which were the counterpart in Britain of the unprecedented ice-bound conditions which had prevailed throughout Europe—had created an increased demand for coal, while at the same time interfering with transport.

Early Relief Expected
Arrangements had been made to accelerate the movements of coal, and he hoped that the situation in the areas where there had been a shortage would soon be relieved.

Additional supplies of coal to augment the London and South of England supplies were being arranged, and an increase of 70,000 tons per week, involving 143 trains per week, would thus reach the south.

The passage of this coal would necessitate a considerable reduction of passenger service on the main railway lines between Newcastle and London.

PLANES ATTACK TRAWLER

LONDON, Feb. 21 (Reuter).—In Tuesday's Nazi raids, three men were wounded when a trawler was attacked. Two Nazi planes attacked it with machine-guns and incendiary bombs.

Death Of Veteran Explorer

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
LONDON, Feb. 21, (UP).—The death is reported at Bury St. Edmunds of Mr. George Windoe, aged 81 years. The deceased was the oldest member of Sir Ernest Shackleton's trans-Atlantic expedition in 1914.

Wild Beasts Burned Alive

ROCHESTER, IND., Feb. 21 (UP).—Roaring lions, tigers and leopards were roasted alive in their locked cages when flames swept the winter quarters of the Cole Brothers and Robbins Circus to-day.

About 350 horses, elephants and camels were set free and ran about madly through the city. Nearly all the animals, however, were captured within an hour.

The anguished screams of the dying beasts were heard above the fire sirens.

The elephants are still free.

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SCORES OF INCENDIARY BOMBS ON SWEDISH TOWN

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ing squadron, being sighted at that time.

Main Road Destroyed
STOCKHOLM, Feb. 21 (Reuter).—Ten high explosive and a number of incendiary bombs were dropped by seven Russian planes on the Swedish village of Pajala, five miles from the Finnish frontier.

The main road running through the village was destroyed. Nobody was injured.

Visibility was good at the time and surprise is expressed that the Russian airmen should have made a mistake about their position.

Battle Over Petsamo
KIRKENAES, Feb. 21 (UP).—Reports here state that a severe aerial battle is in progress over the Petsamo region. The nationality of the planes has not yet been determined.

Export Subsidy To H.K. INCREASE

NEW YORK, Feb. 21 (Reuter).—The Department of Agriculture has announced that the flour export subsidy on shipments to China and Hongkong has been advanced 15 cents, to \$1.40, per barrel effective to-day.

Mercury Production

Chungking, Feb. 21. China is taking steps to increase her mercury production. The Kweichow Mining Administration, which is jointly controlled by the National Government, the National Provincial Government, and the Provincial Government, is planning to increase its capital from \$600,000 to \$2,000,000 with the aim of increasing production of mercury to 500 tons in two years.

The world output of mercury ranges between 3,000 and 3,000 tons annually. During the world war China's production amounted to 300 tons yearly but has dropped steadily since. In 1938 China had to import mercury for her newly established chemical works.—Reuter.

THE COLONIES NEW PLAN PRAISED BY PRESS

LONDON, Feb. 21 (Reuter).—Most of the British Press commented to-day on the Government's White Paper on Colonial policy. Few of them have anything but praise for what is regarded as entering into a new period.

Congratulations are general and the general impression is perhaps summed up by the "Times", which says that the fact that the war is going on has not been made an excuse for preventing the necessary measures from being put into effect.

The "Daily Mail" says that the new policy is not reward for the great war efforts of the Colonies. It would have come about, war or no war.

Some papers take heart in the fact that the Government's plans are for ten years ahead (20 years in the case of the West Indies). This long-sighted policy is "considered most encouraging at a time when the Empire is facing one of the most critical periods of its history."

Sense Of Obligation
The "Daily Telegraph" says that it is fulfilment of Mr. Joseph Chamberlain's policy and scheme, founded on his own conception of Empire in which the sense of obligation gives place to a sense of obligation.

The only discordant note is struck by the "Daily Express," which complains that while the Government passes the recommendations of the Royal Commission on the West Indies, it does not reveal that Committee's report.

The "Manchester Guardian," however, points out that at normal times they would have given the full reports. It would, perhaps, have been the most striking document on Colonial administration for centuries, but there are good reasons why it should not be published just now.

DUTCH SHIP IS SINKING

Explosion 60 Miles Off Finisterre

ROTTERDAM, Feb. 21 (Reuter).—The owners of the Dutch steamer, Tara, 4,700 tons, have received a message from the captain saying that the ship is sinking about 60 miles south-west of Cape Finisterre, following an explosion.

The Tara was bound from Bahia Blanca to Rotterdam with a cargo of grain for the Dutch Government. The cause of the explosion and the fate of the crew are not yet known.

Tanker Fearful Lost
THE HAGUE, Feb. 21 (Reuter).—It is feared that the Dutch motor tanker, Den Haag, 8,071 tons, has been lost on the voyage from New York to Rotterdam.

The Den Haag was carrying 11,000 tons of oil products.

Captain And Crew Saved
ROTTERDAM, Feb. 21 (Reuter).—The Captain and crew of the Tara have been saved.

STOCK MARKET REPORT

Hongkong Stock Exchange official summary issued yesterday says: Market ruled very dull.

Buyers
H.K. Bank \$1,420
Canton Ins. \$212 1/2
Union Ins. \$470
Fire Ins. \$182
Humphreys \$7.70
Star Ferries \$64
China Lights (new) \$5
Entertainments \$7 1/2

Sellers
Watsons \$9.00
Sales
H.K. Bank \$1,430
H.K. Ins. \$480
Docks \$22.10/15
Lands \$38 1/2
China Lights (new) \$5.03
Watsons \$19 1/4/20
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Manila Gold Shares

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Atok	.18 1/2	b
Antamok	.16	b
Bugulo Gold	.22	b
Batong Buhay	.013	b
Big Wedge	.20 1/2	b
Coco Grove	.14	b
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Demonstration	.12	s
East Mindanao	.10 1/2	s
I.X.L.	.30 1/2	s
Ipo Gold	.11 1/2	b
Irogon Mining	.27 1/2	s
Mambulao Con.	.013	b
Masbate Con.	.10 1/2	b
Mind. Motherlode	.11	s
Mine Corporation	.10 1/2	s
North Camarines	.10	s
Paracale Gumus	.22	b
San Mauricio	.82	a
Surigao Con.	.17	b
Suyoc Con.	.12 1/2	b
Syndicate Inv.	.024	b
United Paracale	.20	s
Benguet Con.	.50	b

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There are many women as men suffer from High Blood Pressure, which is a mysterious disease. It starts about the time of change of life and is the real cause of much heart trouble and later on of stroke. Common symptoms of High Blood Pressure are: Nervousness, headache, dizziness, loss of sleep, shortness of breath, pain in head, distension, shortness of breath, and a feeling of being excited, fear and worry. If you suffer any of these symptoms, don't delay treatment at a single day, because your life may be in danger. High Blood Pressure with the first dose, takes a heavy load off the heart, and reduces the risk of heart trouble in a few days. Get rid of your heart trouble today. It is guaranteed to make you feel fit and strong or money back.

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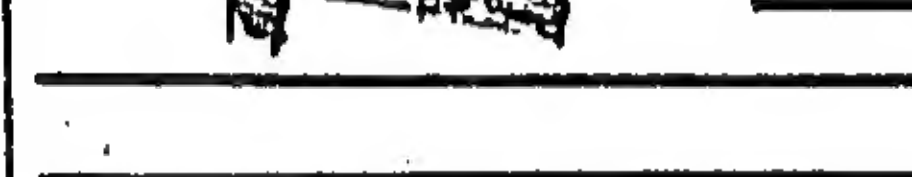
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HOCKEY INTERPORT WITH MACAO

Suggestions For The Hongkong Team Association Council In Predicament

The monthly meeting of the Hongkong Hockey Association Council last Thursday had to be postponed because of the non-appearance of four or five members. It is true Volunteer camps and other important business might have been the cause, but the members concerned could have at least dropped a note to the Hon. Secretary or telephoned him, warning him of their absence.

On two occasions of late, when only an extra member was needed to form a quorum, the meeting had to be cancelled after a wait of three-quarters of an hour.

The Association in latter years has never been placed in such a predicament, and it is very annoying to those who do turn up to be later informed that a meeting cannot be convened owing to lack of support.

A meeting will be held to-day at 6 p.m., and I hope it will be possible to form a quorum this time.

HERE is my Interport team, and to aid the selectors in case trials are to be played I have nominated numerous reserves who are in excellent form at the moment:

Goalkeeper.—U. B. Souza (Radio).
Backs.—V. C. Bond (C.B.A.) and Datta Ram (Rajputana Rifles).
Halves.—M. H. Hassan (Radio), W. A. Reed (Club) and R. J. Reed (Nomads).

Forwards.—Sha Wali (Rajputana Rifles), G. Singh (Radio), Homburg (R.E.), Narain Singh (Kumaons), and Parthab Singh (Kumaons).

RESERVES

Goalkeepers.—Dobson (R.E.), V. M. Benwell (Club) and J. Lockhart. Backs.—Gusain Singh (Kumaons), Mehar Singh (Police), J. Gonsalves and J. Gosain (R.E.).

Halves.—Gordon (R.E.), Lieut. Hook (R.A.), N. Whitley (C.B.A.) and Brown (Police).
Forwards.—Gemmell (Navy), Lieut. Pritam Nath (Rajputana Rifles), G. Fowler, S. A. Fowler and E. Fowler (C.B.A.).

Enthusiasts are reminded that the Interport will be played here on Easter Sunday, March 24. Macao will probably play a second match on the day following against the Rest of the Colony.

I have received definite information that the Macao winners, E. Nolasco and A. Angelo, will not be leaving for the United States until after the Interport. They were due to leave in the first week of March.

IN a Tournament game at Caroline Hill last Sunday, Radio and Postal Sports Club beat University 6-1 without much trouble. It is questionable if Radio will have an easier game this season. They scored six goals and had they exerted themselves in the second half they might have got at least two or three more.

Although G. Singh scored only once, he did more than any other Radio forward to upset the Varsity defensive system by his clever tactics and readiness to feed his winger, J. Pinto, at inside left, came right back into his old form to obtain two goals, and but for some fine goal-keeping by San Gupta he would have scored at least two more goals in the second half.

The champions' strength, however, was at half-back, where J. Singh and Gurdayal Singh revealed constructive ability on the flanks, and M. H. Hassan effectively barred the path of the visiting inside forwards down the middle.

Goals were also scored by Awtar Singh (1); K. Singh (1) and Hassan (1).

Taking a 4-1 lead at the interval, the home team experienced little difficulty in holding their opponents in the second half when they enjoyed the lion's share of the exchanges.

University started well enough, but once they fell behind they went completely to pieces. The defence was also over-run by a fast-moving Radio attack. K.S. Oh did well to score in the first half when he followed up a weak clearance by U. B. Souza, but was an uphill fight throughout because the forwards were weak. W. Abraham, at centre-half, was the most alert member of his side; the remaining halves, Leow and Hui were far too slow with their tackling and held on to the ball too long, with the result that they were often robbed of it.

In general, the University lacked cohesion and thrust forward, and, but for the good covering of the backs, Tam and Low in the closing stages, the defeat would have been more severe. In the latter half the Radio attack was also prevented from scoring by the good goal-keeping of San Gupta.

ST. ANDREW'S Ladies, who are making a strong bid for

the Caer Clark Cup championship this season, defeated Recreio Ladies, 3-0, at King's Park last Saturday. The Saints well deserved their victory and had they shown the same incisiveness in front of goal as they showed cleverness in mid-field, they would have had more than a goal's lead at the interval.

Mrs. Bliss scored once in each half and Miss H. Reid added the third point before the final whistle. But even so, better things were expected of the latter who was inclined to be off-side during most part of the game. Miss B. Longbottom, who substituted for Miss Churn, caught the eye in the second half when she played a rattling good game at outside-right. I am certain the Saints will improve their attack if she is retained in that position. Miss F. Wong seemed quite at home at inside-right.

There was no doubt about the Saints' superiority in the second half when they simply swamped the Recreio defence, and the two goals scored in this period by no means represented their superiority. Miss J. Wong once again was a hard-working pivot, who was well supported by Miss G. White at full-back.

Recreio's attack was their chief weakness. This line did not pull well together and only Mrs. Rodrigues was dangerous, though Miss B. Remedios on the extreme right put in some useful centres. Despite the fact that their defence was pierced more times in the second half, the visitors' rearguard was good, both Mrs. M. Silva and Miss O. Botelho playing well. Most credit, however, goes to Mrs. L. Silva who was the outstanding player at centre-half. Miss Z. Barros did exceptionally well in goal when she saved several shots in succession from Mrs. Bliss and Miss F. Wong. Though their attack only revealed a combination now and then, the Recreio defences played a stout game all through.

"Y" LADIES, Caer Clark Cup champions, defeated C.B.S. 4-0 in the final league game. Surviving a hectic spell in the first half, when far more vigour than science was introduced into the proceedings, "Y" Ladies gradually wore the Schoolgirls down to score a deserved victory after the interval. Even their famous defence, which has played so great a part in previous victories, had its panicky moments and might have conceded C.B.S. a couple of goals in the first twenty minutes of the game.

Generally, however, this defence beat the youthful visitors by its stubborn work, where Miss M. McCaw and Mrs. Starbuck, the halves, and Mrs. Strange, at left-back, provided the immovable objects. Miss D. McCaw, who led the attack, was the most dangerous forward on view and completed a good afternoon's work by scoring the "hat trick". Mrs. Gardner, who also scored, was always a source of danger.

The home team seemed to have more endurance for in the final stages they were constantly attacking. Should St. Andrew's win the remaining fixtures, they will meet the champions in a replay for the championship, and in the opinion of many the latter will have to give of their best to retain the Cup.

C.B.S. were a disappointing team in the second half and in the initial period, missed at least three easy goals. Their forwards, whom Miss M. Shand and Miss E. Watson were the pick, had no plan of campaign. They lack a girl of Miss D. McCaw's stamp—one who could construct and instruct, as it were. Miss J. Moss failed in these respects. There was much more stability,



The newly formed Argonauta team who won the Knoll Cup in their first appearance of competitive hockey. With them is A.S. Xavier, their coach.

Rugby

WRONG TACTICS BY ENGINEERS LEAD TO DEFEAT BY CLUB "A"

(By "Fly-half")

In ideal rugby conditions except for a slippery ball, Club "A" just managed to defeat the Royal Engineers by 16 points (2 goals and 2 tries) to 11 points (a goal and 2 tries) at the Valley yesterday. Twice the Sappers drew level and but for the closing few minutes had as much of the game as their opponents.

Paul, Navy's brilliant three-quarter, turned out for the Club as a forward packing middle of the back row. K. A. Watson, hooking for Club, obtained a greater share of the ball for his side in the set scrums. The Club backs did not handle the difficult ball at all well and their movements never went far.

Taylor, playing at inside-three, was poor in attack and was guilty of faulty handling and kicking. Midway through the second half Needham, of the forwards, changed places with Taylor and from then on the Club attacked strongly. Needham thrashed his inclusion amongst the thirds by a 60-yard dash, which almost resulted in a score.

ARTINGSTALL SHINES

Waite and Artingstall were dangerous when in possession. The latter showed some wonderful turns of speed plus force. Foley was an active scrum half for the Sappers, although he was mostly called upon in defence or in spoiling tactics. His forwards gave him a very busy time in dealing with pats back from line-out, and it was the use of this dangerous movement that let to the Club's victory. There is very little else an opposing team can do to counteract patting back by the other side than breaking through after the ball immediately. It is struck back, and this the Club players did to almost perfection. The Royal Engineers should have realised that a slippery ball made patting back much more dangerous than usual. Club forwards, well led by Kennedy, were superior to the military eight. B. Hynes, Macrae, Beattie and Paul were prominent. Morgan, Laville, D. Hynes and Beattie scored tries for the Club. Watson converted two of them. Cuthbertson, Artingstall and Birrell scored tries for the Royal Engineers, the second one being converted by Birrell.

however, in the rear lines. Though they found the opposition too strong, Miss S. Rousseau, Miss P. Kirby and Miss J. Kew showed a resolute defence in the first half. Miss B. Goodwin, at full-back, was very active in her tackling and clearance shots. Nevertheless, a keen and hard-fought game was witnessed.

THE following are the positions of the various teams in the Hongkong Hockey Association Tournament:

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Radio & P.S.C.	0	0	0	21	0	12	0
C.B.A.	0	0	1	12	0	11	0
Royal Engineers	4	1	3	18	12	11	11
Recreio	7	2	3	2	10	6	10
Nomads	0	2	3	1	9	14	5
R.I.T.C.	1	1	3	1	14	3	5
Police	4	1	2	0	4	8	3
University	1	1	3	0	11	2	2
Royal Signals	0	0	5	1	4	20	1
R.A.O.C.	2	0	2	0	1	0	0

Leading Goal Scorers are: Sgt. Homburg, R.E. (13); S. A. Fowler, C.B.A. (11); G. Singh, Radio, (8).

East Asia Athletic Meet In Tokyo

Manila, Feb. 20 (Domel).—The Philippine Athletic Federation is preparing to send 56 athletes to Japan to participate in the East Asia Athletic Meet in Tokyo in June. It was announced here to-day.

The Tokyo meet forms part of the Japanese athletic programme designed to celebrate the 2,600th anniversary of the Japanese Empire.

The Filipino athletes will include a basketball team, swimmers, boxers and track and field players.

Boxing

Louis-Paycheck Fight Advanced

NEW YORK Feb. 22 (UP).—Mike Jacobs has announced that the match between Joe Louis and Paycheck for the heavyweight title will now take place on March 29 instead of April 3, when the Garcia-Overlin bout for the middleweight championship will be held.

The switching of dates is for the purpose of giving Garcia more time after his fight with Armstrong on March 1.

COLONY CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP

Leaders To Meet This Evening

Four matches which might well decide the Colony Chess Championship are down to be played this evening. K. Weiss, the leader, will meet his closest rival, E. Zimmermann, at the Gloucester Hotel, where Sir Henry Pollock will also play D. E. de Carvalho.

At the Peninsula Hotel, K. M. A. Barnett will play B. S. Litvin, and A. Kurrik will meet L. Blair.

As a result of his win over Barnett on Tuesday, Zimmermann has moved up to second place, and is now the only remaining player who has not been beaten.

Kowloon Golf Club Captain Cup's Results

Following are the first round results of the Captain's Cup of the Kowloon Golf Club:

W. Kershaw (14) beat W. C. Hung (18) 2 and 1; T. Lamb (9) beat J. R. Leitch (17) 2 up; H. P. Pina (10) beat C. C. Anderson (12) at the 19th; F. C. Barry (9) beat W. C. Simpson (8) 3 and 1; W. V. Almon (10) beat J. J. Gross (15) 19 and 8; A. E. Davies (9) beat A. A. Lopes (9) 2 and 1; S. Jex (10) beat A. J. Dennis (9) 8 and 6; T. Henderson (14) beat A. W. Ramsay (9) 2 and 1.

Members are reminded that the annual supper dance will be held at the Peninsula Hotel on Saturday, February 24. Tickets at \$2.50 each can be obtained from members of the Committee or from Messrs. Linstead & Davies, Exchange Building.

Austin Ho and H. S. Wan (St. Teresa's) lost to Eardley and Beaven 9-21; lost to Kwok and Kwok 7-21; lost to Smith and Maynard 22-24.

Peter Lo and J. Teang (St. Teresa's) beat Eardley and Beaven 21-17; lost to Kwok and Kwok 7-21; beat Smith and Maynard 21-10.

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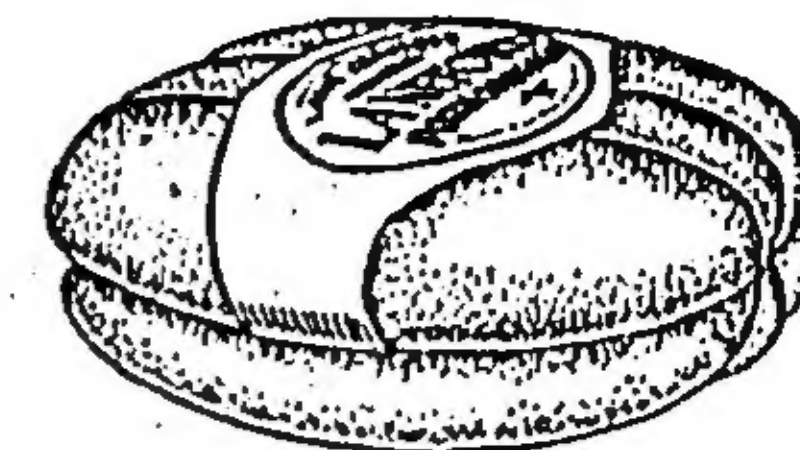
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Lovely Mary Haines, a happy wife and devoted mother is a member of New York's wealthy "gossip" set. One day, Sylvia Fowler, finds that Mary's husband Stephen is "romancing" Crystal Allen, a pretty salesgirl. Then Mary learns of it but for her child's sake, she takes her mother's advice, says nothing to Stephen and goes to Bermuda. On her return she encounters Crystal at a fashion show. They quarrel and Edith, Sylvia's friend, gives the details to a gossip columnist. The publicity breaks and as a result of it and the advice of her poison-tongued friends, Mary quarrels with Stephen and takes a train to Reno.

RENO was a revelation to Mary. She hadn't dreamed that there was so many philosophies on marriage and divorce in existence. Even Lucy, the chambermaid, had one.

Though a native of Nevada it had never occurred to her to get a divorce from her bullying husband. "Land sakes ma'am," she was won't to say, "I stopped

voice. Well, of all people, Sylvia Fowler. There was a great hullabaloo of reunion, and introductions to the others, then Sylvia settled down to talk.

Could you imagine Howard Fowler kicking her out like that? After all she'd sacrificed. Why, she'd given him her youth, her everything. Never mind, though, the old pinchbelly had paid her plenty.

The Countess smiled blandly. "I've often wondered what it'd be like to have a husband pay me. Sometime I must marry for money."

Miriam glared at her. "I made Howard pay for what he wants. You made him pay for what he doesn't want."

"You filthy little tramp." "Don't start calling names, you Park Avenue punk. I know more dirty words than you do."

For answer Sylvia hauled off and gave her a terrific smack in the eye. The battle royal was on. They pulled each other's hair, they jabbed with their elbows, they kicked and yelled and swore. Mary finally tore Miriam away and Sylvia stood there, gasping for breath. Her clothes were torn, her face tear-stained and she was yelling at the top of her lungs. "I hate you. I hate you all! You too, Mary. You know about this and you've been gloating—gloating!" Her voice rose to a shriek.

"Listen Mrs. Fowler," Lucy yelled, dragging her off, "you got the hy-strikes. Come on."

In the little cabin Mary silently fixed a salad for dinner. Then she spoke. "Nice little bout between a couple of lady palookas."

Miriam nodded guiltily. "Right. We're a pair of alley-ents."

Mary turned around. "You shouldn't be here Peggy to see it."



New York. Mary called after her. "And when you get back, don't see too much of the girls."

"Oh I won't, Mary. Goodbye. Oh I'm so happy I don't even mind being sick at my stomach now."

Miriam grinned at Mary. "Getting wise aren't you?"

"Sure. Know all the answers."

"Then why are you here?"

"I had plenty of advice." She held up her hand. "And there's nothing you can say that I haven't heard, Miriam. Talk to me about my lawful husband. Talk to me about security. What does it all come to? Compromise?"

"What the—!" Miriam threw down her cigarette. "A woman's compromised the day she's born."

"But you can't compromise with utter defeat. He doesn't want me."

heard her husband's voice. "Stephen."

Miriam whispered, "Make him that speech you just made me."

"Stephen? Why yes, I'm very cheerful it's so good to hear your voice, Stephen. Why yes, it's scheduled for to-morrow at twelve but—" Then she froze. "No—no, I haven't seen the papers. There was a long pause. "Yes, I—I'd rather you told me. No, I'm not bitter, No, no plans at all. Goodbye Stephen. Good-bye."

"He's marrying her?" Miriam asked sharply.

She nodded, stunned. "And I've given him to her. I've handed him right over. This is just what she wanted me to do." Her face twisted.

"Oh why did I let it happen. I shouldn't have. I've been a fool."

Miriam sighed. "Sure you have. But haven't we all?"

The Women

thinking about being happy years ago. That settles everything."

As for Miriam and the Countess, Mary had developed a real affection for them.

It was nice chatting about life with Miriam and for sheer amusement, there was nothing funnier than watching the Countess wooing Cowboy Buck and making plans for her fifth marriage.

Unhappily though, Peggy Day had arrived, her second week there. Mary almost cried when she saw her. Young, pretty Peggy, so in love with her husband and going to get a divorce. It was dreadful.

SOME of the days went fast, some slowly. Each morning there was always the hope of a letter from Stephen. But none came. And now, it was the last day. To-morrow her divorce decree would be final.

She was sitting in back of the ranchhouse trying to interest herself in a new novel when suddenly she heard a familiar

Sylvia looked at Mary keenly. "Well, you seem to be blossoming. I've always said, Stephen's hardly worth a broken heart."

Mary set her teeth. "The less you have to say about me and Stephen, the better I like it."

THE Countess seemed suddenly engrossed in some clipping that she had taken from a letter.

Then she looked up. "Why Miriam, you sly puss. Listen to this, girls. Miriam Vanities Arnold is being Renovated. Present and future Mrs. Fowlers in Reno together. Prominent stock-broker and exhorter to marry."

Sylvia was livid as she turned to Miriam. "Why, you little hypocrite. How much did he settle on you?"

"Only," she went on with sarcasm, "of course you wanted to buy a car and when John said he couldn't afford one and didn't want one with your money you had to have a divorce. Fine reason."

Peggy's chin quivered. "A woman's best protection is a little money of her own."

"A woman's best protection," Mary corrected, "is the right man." She shrugged and said to Miriam, "Obviously, John isn't the right man and Peggy will forget all about him in another month."

This was too much for Peggy. It brought on the deluge and a confession. "Oh Mary I'm going to have a baby," she sobbed. "Oh Mary, what shall I do?"

WHAT Mary did was to get John on the telephone as soon as the operator could put the call through.

A few minutes later, as Peggy, almost delirious with joy, ran up stairs to pack for the next train to

Miriam looked at her. "That isn't it. It's because you're too soft Mary Haines. It happened to me. I lost my man too. It was a long time ago. At least, it seems like it. We didn't have enough dough to get married—and I had ideals. So he got himself another girl and I said goodbye. I was like you."

Mary sat down. "I don't understand."

"Then get a load of this. I should have liked that girl where she licked me—in his arms."

Mary slowly shook her head. "A good argument Miriam, so modern, so simple. But it's too simple my dear. Love battles are for lovers. The things that made Stephen my husband and me his wife were little things—illnesses, worries, the birth of little Mary, making a game together—things like that. And the fact that up to now, he need me. But he doesn't any more."

THE telephone rang, and a thrill went through her as she

Crossword Puzzle

By LARS MORRIS

ACROSS.

1—Dip suddenly

2—Punctured

3—Heroic poems

4—Part of cattle feed

5—Proved

6—Benjamin

7—Iridium

8—Crimes

9—Shake head up and down

10—Dead holes

11—Plan

12—Written drinking vessel (Prov. Kn.)

13—Hindu princess

14—Polynesian for demon

15—Zyrian address

16—Take out

17—Joy

18—Remaining portion of vanished object

19—Toward

20—Heating about the sun

21—Non-professional

22—Prize away from

23—Paired

24—Hyaline beakings

25—South African farmer

26—Cool-like organ

27—High (mule)

28—Pier space

29—Kind of bump

30—Shade of yellow

31—Belonging to him

32—Constellation

33—Mist

34—Gulf

DOWN.

1—Destroys large proportion of

2—Engaged in practical activity

3—Lumber

4—Mark left from wound

5—Anoint (substitute)

6—Elastic dial

7—Poisonous spider

8—East Indian antelope

9—Female prophesy

10—Manipulate

11—Compound ether

12—Italian river

13—Copper acetate

14—French scouter

15—Old

16—Cave

17—One of ancient

18—Italian people

19—Headless (French)

20—Of large vessels

21—Dutch seagull

22—Silver eels

23—Mountain lion

24—Beard

25—Provide with tip

26—South American

27—Shrub

28—Obscure

29—Letter

30—Wetness down

31—Continent

32—Manipulation

33—Propelling device

34—Pillulari cre-

35—Producing tree

36—Dirt name

37—Letter

38—Preceding

39—Silver eels

40—Stable combination

41—Of acid and alkali

42—Feld

43—Smallest

44—Mavry

45—Strike

46—Moleen port

47—Onion

48—Ashes (reclined)

49—Gunter: pertaining to

50—Roman coin

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1.45 Harry Roy and His Orchestra in Dance Music. 2.15 Close down. 2.45 Studio—Children's Hour. 3.45 Closing local Stock Quotations.

6.47 Vivian Ellis at the Piano—"The Town Talks", Piano Medley and "On the Avenue", Piano Medley.

7.0 London Relay—"Address Unknown"—A tragedy of Nazi Germany. 7.30 London Relay—The News. 8.0 Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements. 8.03 Some Welsh Songs.

VOLUNTEERS IN CAMP

The first Artillery camp this year of the Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps commenced yesterday, when members of the 1st Battery, 3rd Battery and 5th Anti-Aircraft Battery went under canvas. Trucks conveyed members of these units to their allotted camps. The 1st Battery is camping at Cape D'Aguilar, the 3rd Battery at Aberdeen and the 5th A.A. Battery at Shek-O. They will be in camp for one week.

8.32 Military Band Music. 8.45 Studio—Talk on "Rumania". 9.05 Chopin—"Les Sylphides". Ballet Music—London Philharmonic Orchestra conducted by Walter Goehr.

9.15 London Relay—News Summary. 9.30 Sydney Torch, Rale Da Costa, Eddie Penabody and Harry Hobbs in Variety.

10.0 An hour of Dance Music. 11.0 London Relay—Talk by Malcolm MacDonald, Colonial Secretary, on "Colonial Development". 11.15 Close down.

M.C.L. FLOWER DAY

The amount collected at the annual M.C.L. Flower Day held on Saturday was \$2,408.59. The ladies who were kind enough to sell flowers for the cause were:

In Hongkong—Miss Allison Black, Miss Sheila Baskett, Miss Dawn Digby, Mrs. Davis, Miss Pat Dowdell, Miss Pep Dodwell, Mrs. Duley, Miss Beryl Fair, Miss Betty Glenville, Miss Miss Farnell, Miss F. Fracken, Mrs. L. Goldman, Mrs. Grant, Mrs. Ingram, Mrs. Trenchard-Davis, and pupils of the Central British School. The highest amount was collected at Jardines Corner, where Mrs. Robertson realised the large sum of \$125.50.

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Seven People Die in Fire in Crowded Tenement

Shanghai, Feb. 21. Seven Chinese, including three women, were burned to death when a house in the crowded Chinese district in the centre of the city caught fire at 3 a.m. to-day. The only survivors of the completely destroyed house are two people who were slightly burned. Another house in the neighbourhood was badly damaged.—United Press.

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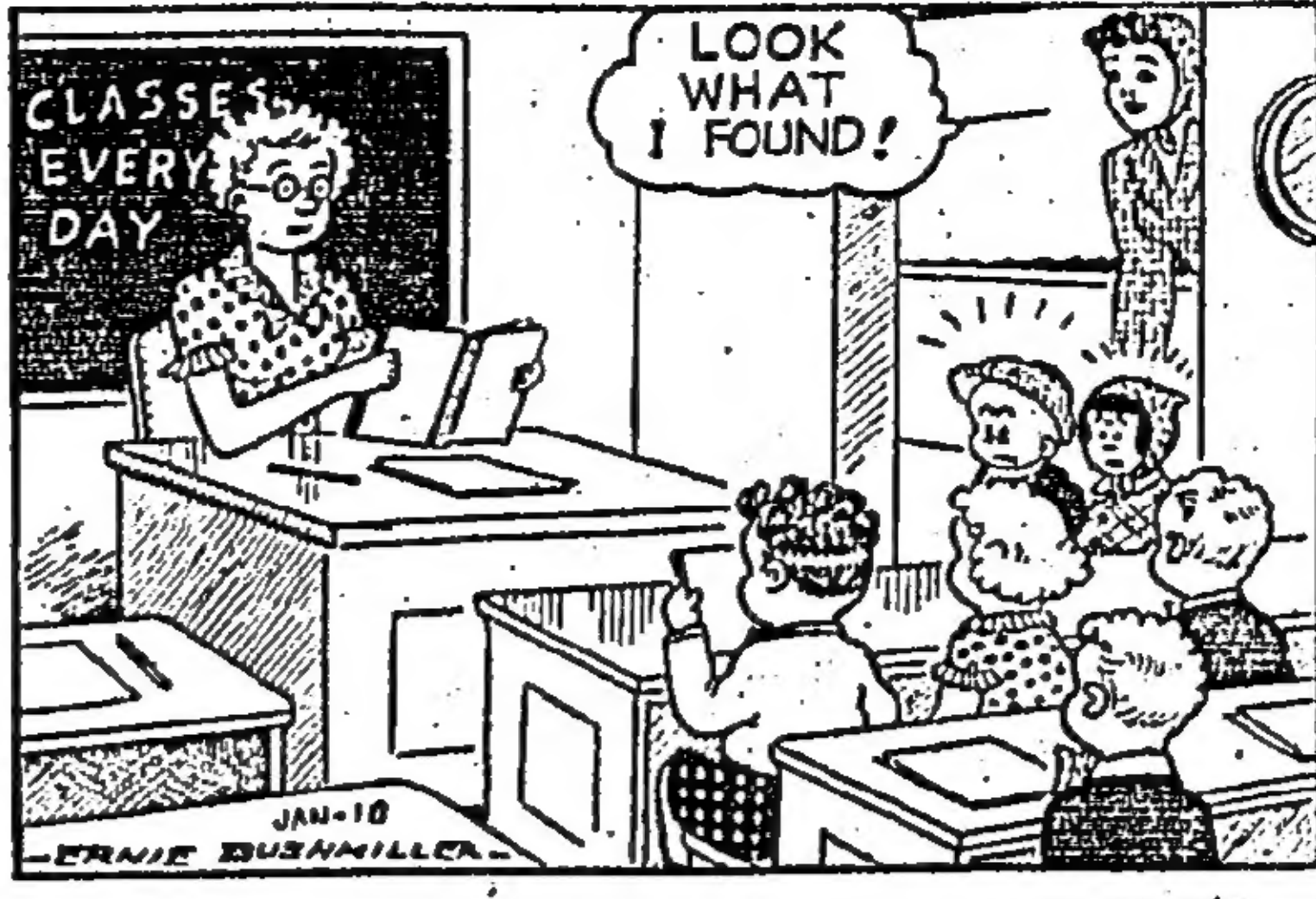
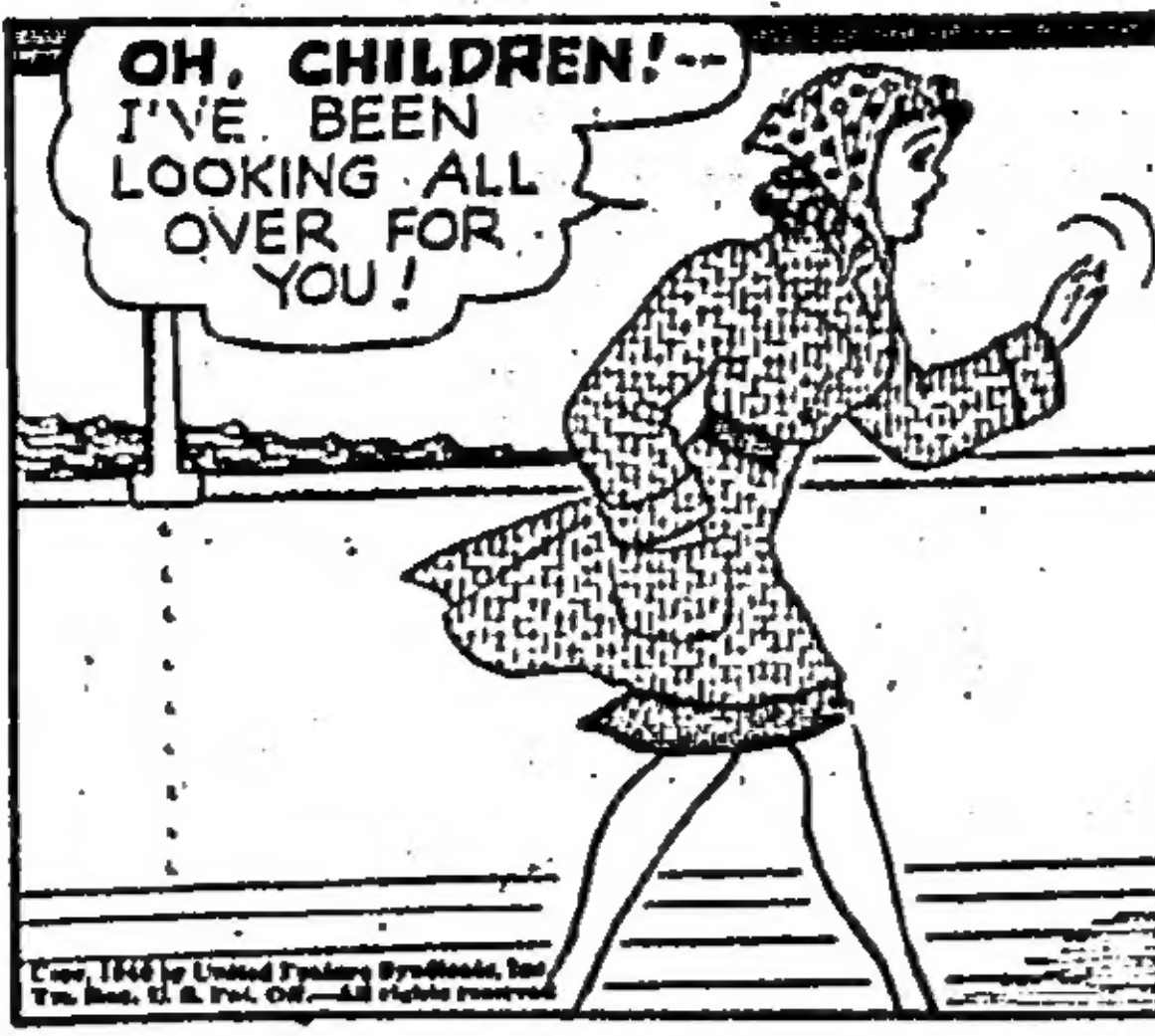
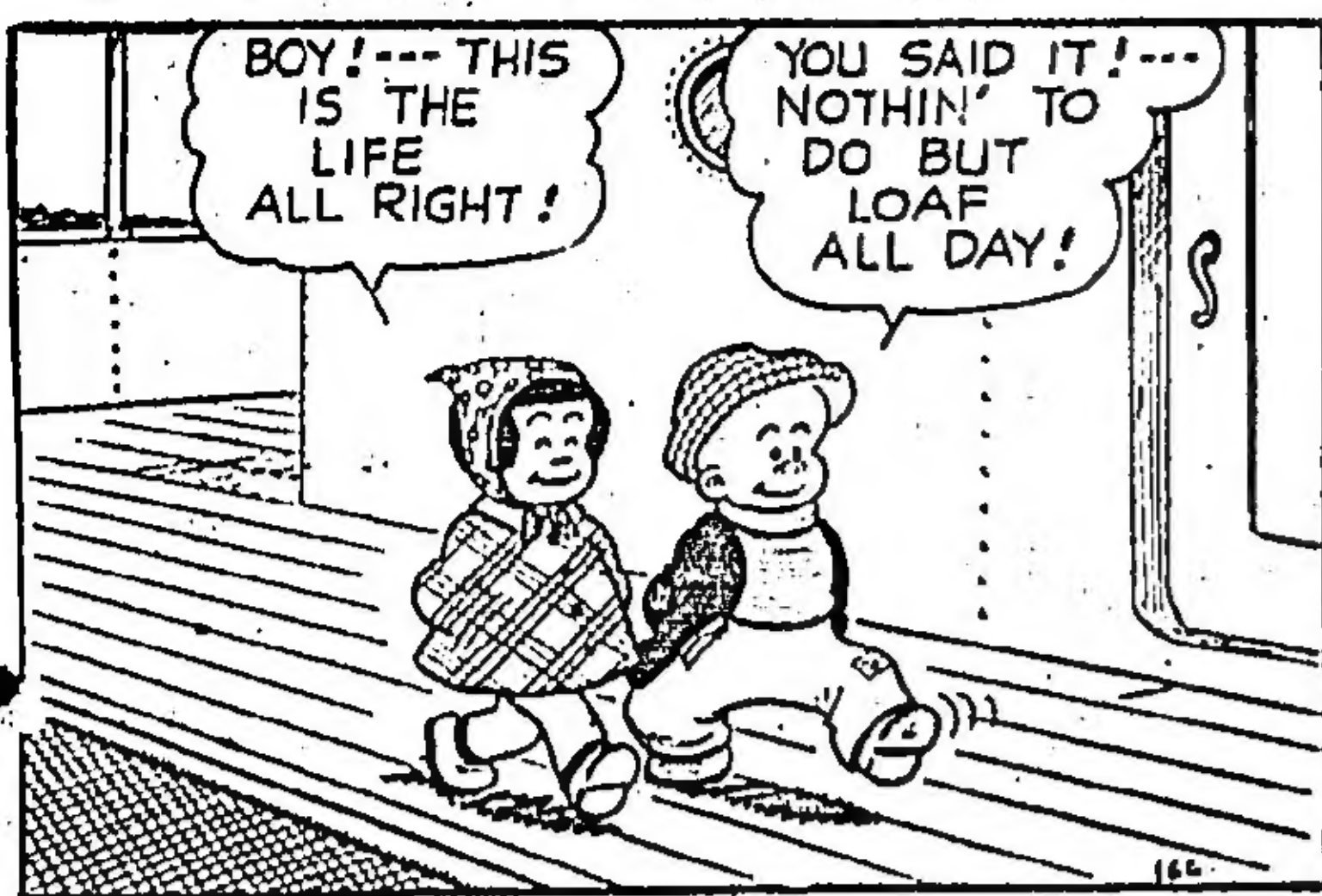
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TIN QUOTA QUERY

M.P. Pleads For No Reduction

LONDON, Feb. 21 (Reuter).—In the House of Commons to-day, Mr. Graham White asked whether, in view of the forthcoming meeting of the International Tin Committee, Mr. MacDonald would see that no reduction or alteration of the quota was made unless he was satisfied that it would not interfere with maximum use of Malaya tin resources in the prosecution of the war.

Mr. MacDonald replied that the quota decision rested with the International Tin Committee, but he felt sure that the Malayan and Nigerian delegations would continue to maintain the interests of the governments they represent on the Committee, including their interest in the effective prosecution of the war.

STOCK EXCHANGE FIRM

LONDON, Feb. 21 (Reuter).—On the Stock Exchange to-day, rising values and expansion of business were the outstanding features of the market.

Among industrials, oils, coppers, diamonds and certain Kaffirs all met investment demand and appreciable gains were registered.

Home rails were firmer, but gilt-edged securities were less prominent owing to interest in other sections, however foreign issues were generally well-maintained.

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The 11th interval will be after the fourth race on the first four days of the Meeting.

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Members are reminded that they and their ladies MUST wear their badges prominently displayed throughout the Meeting.

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The Secretary's Office, 1st floor, EXCHANGE BUILDING, (Tel. 27794) WILL CLOSE AT 10.00 a.m. ON THE FIRST FOUR DAYS, and at 12.00 NOON ON THE FIFTH DAY.

A limited number of tickets will be obtainable each day at the Club House, provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Box, (Tel. 21202).

On no pretext will children be permitted in either enclosure during the first four days of the Meeting. No animals will be allowed on the Fifth Day.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE

The price of admission to the Public Enclosure is \$2.00 per day including tax for all persons including ladies, and is payable at the Gate.

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Tickets will be obtainable in the Restaurant in the Public Enclosure.

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Passes for Servants will be issued to Private Box holders ONLY on application to the Secretary, 1st floor, Exchange Building.

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By Order,
C. D. BROWN,
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Hongkong, 11th February, 1940.

Anglo-Russian Negotiations

Delay In Issuing White Paper

LONDON, Feb. 21 (Reuter).—In the House of Commons to-day, Mr. R. A. Butler, Under Secretary for Foreign Affairs, stated in reply to a question that he was not in a position to name the date of publication of the White Paper dealing with the Anglo-Russian negotiations of last year.

Mr. Butler indicated that consultations with the French Government accounted for the delay.

He stated that he understood a recent declaration by the Swedish Government refusing passage of foreign troops through Sweden did not apply to volunteers.

The Abducted Officers

Asked for information regarding the present abode of Major Stevens and Captain Payne Best, who were abducted by the Germans near the Dutch frontier last November, Mr. Butler declared that as far as was known these two officers were at present in Berlin.

There was no question of these officers conveying peace proposals on behalf of His Majesty's Government, he said.

All they were authorised to do was to listen to and report on an approach that had been made from the German side.

The exact nature and source of this approach could not be ascertained owing to the forcible abduction on Dutch territory of these officers by agents of the German Government.

Australian Minister In Washington

Mr. Casey's Statement To The Press

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21 (Reuter).—Mr. R. G. Casey, the first Australian Minister to the United States, has arrived and will see Mr. Cordell Hull on Thursday. He will see President Roosevelt when the latter returns from his cruise.

Mr. Casey made a statement declaring his belief that the establishment of an Australian Legation in Washington and an American Legation in Canberra would lead to closer relations of the two countries.

U.S. Aids Gigantic Effort

Mr. Casey declared that Australia, partly with the assistance of American supplies, was making a gigantic effort to help Britain in the war.

Through manufacture and purchase, she was gathering 2,500 training planes with which to build a corps of tens of thousands of airmen.

Australia, he said, was manufacturing planes based on North American Aircraft Corporation's plans, and of these, about six were being turned out a week.

Altogether Australia's original programme for the manufacture of 350 planes annually had already been doubled or trebled.

Mr. Casey added that Australia at this moment "is dominated by the war effort that we are making."

NO VIOLATION OF NEUTRALITY

British Use Of The Panama In Order

LONDON, Feb. 21 (Reuter).—With reference to the German suggestion that Great Britain had created a precedent for conveying prisoners through neutral waters by taking the captured German ship Dusseldorf through the Panama Canal, it was pointed out in London to-day that the Hay-Pauncefote Treaty of 1901 between Great Britain and the United States provides for such a contingency.

Article III of the Treaty states that the canal shall be free and open to vessels of commerce and war of all nations on terms of equality and that prize ships shall in all respects be subject to the rules as vessels of war.

As the Dusseldorf was a prize ship her passage through the Panama Canal was therefore provided for in the treaty governing the use of the canal.

BRITAIN'S WAR AIMS

Already Well Stated Says Premier

LONDON, Feb. 21 (Reuter).—Asked to make a categorical declaration on Britain's war aims, Mr. Neville Chamberlain, in the House of Commons to-day, declared that he could see no object in adding to the categorical declarations already made by members of the Government on the purposes of Great Britain in the war (cheers).

Mr. Chamberlain declared, in answer to a question, that he was not prepared to reveal the extent of the information in possession of the Government as to the state of the enemy forces.

"In the event of an early intensification of air attacks," Mr. Chamberlain added, "I am satisfied that the R.A.F. as well as the ground forces, will give a good account of themselves. The House is of course aware that our methods of meeting and countering air attacks on whatever scale are continually being strengthened and developed."

N. Zealand Declaration

WELLINGTON, Feb. 21 (Reuter).—A conference between the National Executive of New Zealand Labour Party and the National Council of Federation of Labour to-day endorsed the peace aims of the British Labour Party as enunciated by the Rt. Hon. Mr. C. R. Attlee.

The conference stated that there will be no conscription in New Zealand while the Labour Party is in power and they made a declaration in favour of freedom of speech and opinion.

The statement declared: "To fail to render the fullest support in the fight against Nazism would brand the Labour movement as politically irresponsible or worse."

Japan Buys More

First Effect Of U.S. Treaty Abrogation

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" WASHINGTON, Feb. 21 (UP).—The Secretary of Commerce says that the treaty abrogation brought increased Japanese orders and higher prices during the final quarter of 1939.

Exports of scrap iron, refined copper and metal working machinery to Japan increased.

The advance in imports of Japanese goods is largely attributed to the sharp rise in the value of raw silk. The volume of silk imports dropped 13 per cent. Short crops in China and diversion of some stocks to Japanese exports to China.

Imports from China showed an increase in raw silk but a sharp reduction in tung oil.

United States exports to Hongkong during the same period were worth \$18,128,000 as compared with \$21,288,000.

Tea Control Surprise

Fixed At 95% Of The Standard Exports

LONDON, Feb. 21 (Reuter).—The International Tea Committee has fixed the figure of regulation for the control year ending March 31, 1941, at 95 per cent. of the standard exports.

Causes Surprise
The decision has caused some surprise in tea circles, who, while emphasizing that there is no shortage of stocks, had believed that 100 per cent. might be fixed in view of the considerable increase of United Kingdom consumption, together with the fact that certain Empire consuming countries are acquiring larger supplies of Empire teas since the outbreak of war.

Some quarters are of the opinion that the retention of the present quota tends colour to the recent suggestions that the British authorities may be considering negotiating buying contracts with Netherlands growers.

Queues For Flour In Tientsin

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" TIENTSIN, Feb. 21 (UP).—Hundreds of Chinese have lined up since 5 o'clock this morning to purchase flour. The French Police are keeping a check to prevent a person purchasing more than one bag.

Italy Ready For Welles

Count Ciano To Meet U.S. Statesman

ROME, Feb. 21 (Reuter).—Count Ciano, the Italian Foreign Minister, is going to Naples to meet Mr. Sumner Welles aboard the Rex on Sunday and will probably accompany Mr. Welles to Rome by train.

A Government dinner has been arranged in the visitor's honour in the Villa Madama, where Mr. Chamberlain and Lord Halifax stayed.

Will Visit Berlin
According to the tentative programme, Signor Mussolini will receive Mr. Welles on Monday, after which Mr. Welles will proceed to Berlin.

No arrangements are made for an audience with the Pope, but it is expected that Mr. Welles will discuss world politics with the Pope on the conclusion of his tour of the European capitals.

By special permission of His Holiness, the ceremony when Mr. Myron C. Taylor, President Roosevelt's personal representative to the Vatican, presents his credentials will be filmed. The ceremony will take place early in March.

Orient Crisis Past

Roy Howard Reviews The Situation

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" HONOLULU, Feb. 21 (UP).—Mr. Roy W. Howard, editor-in-chief of the "New York World-Telegram," who is en route to the islands aboard the s.s. Lurline, radioed his replies to queries raised by the "Honolulu Advertiser."

Regarding the Far Eastern situation he said: "Present indications show the Far Eastern situation has passed its crisis. It appears that the tremendous sane element among the Japanese, which has been silenced by the military dictatorship during the entire China incident, may again emerge as a national factor. It is conceivable that it may force Tokyo to trust on mediation capable of recognising the just claims of both nations and of effecting necessary face-saving."

Opposes Embargo
"Personally I believe any form of an official anti-Japanese embargo at present is unwise and is unnecessary for an early peace. The Japanese statesmen are not stupid. Now that they know that American tolerance has been extended to the breaking point, they would not force on the embargo issue."

Regarding a third term for President Roosevelt, Mr. Howard replied, "My guess is that his decision is more likely to be determined by the developments in the North Sea, Maginot Line or the Orient than by the events in Washington."

He believed Mr. Sumner Welles' European tour is worth making.

GOOD RELATIONS TO CONTINUE

Italian View On The Altmark Affair

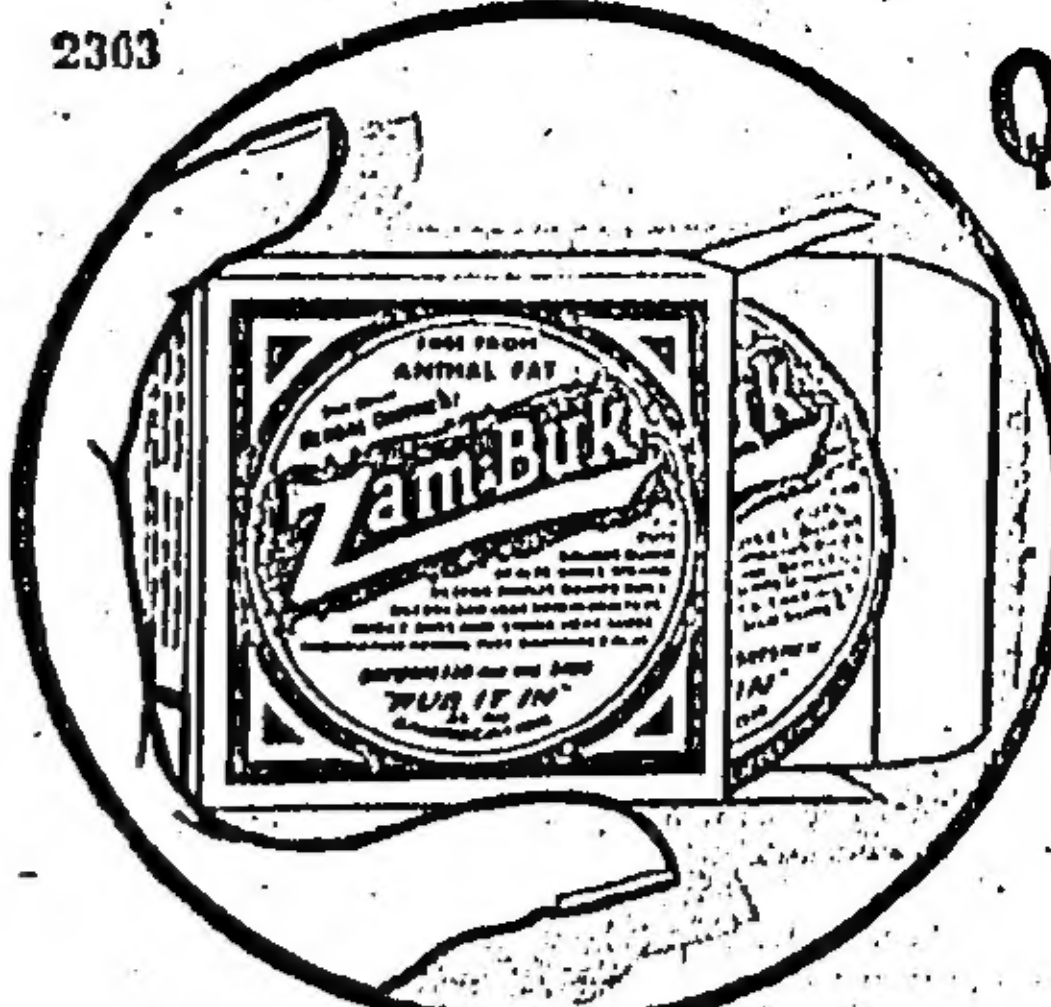
LONDON, Feb. 21 (Reuter).—The "Giornale d'Italia" states that despite the present dispute, the good relations between Britain and Norway will not be disturbed.

The Montevideo paper, "El Plata," had headlines as follows: "Boarding of the Altmark. A Crime has been avoided. Humanity should celebrate the fact."

Swiss Attitude
The Swiss paper, "Journal," says: "The Storting's intention to make Norwegian neutrality respected arouses the greatest interest. Switzerland is confronted by a delicate situation. The Altmark affair originated in the Norwegian error in the interpretation of the duty of neutrals."

"The Reich has been warned by the daring exploit of the British destroyer. It will be hoped that she will consider herself somewhat less at home in the neutral territorial waters of Norway and will take more efficient precautions to prevent a repetition of the incident."

LONDON, Feb. 21 (Reuter).—Vice-Admiral Sir Charles Kennedy-Furley has been appointed to be Commander-in-Chief of the American and West Indies Station, in succession to Admiral Sir Sidney Meyrick, from March of this year.



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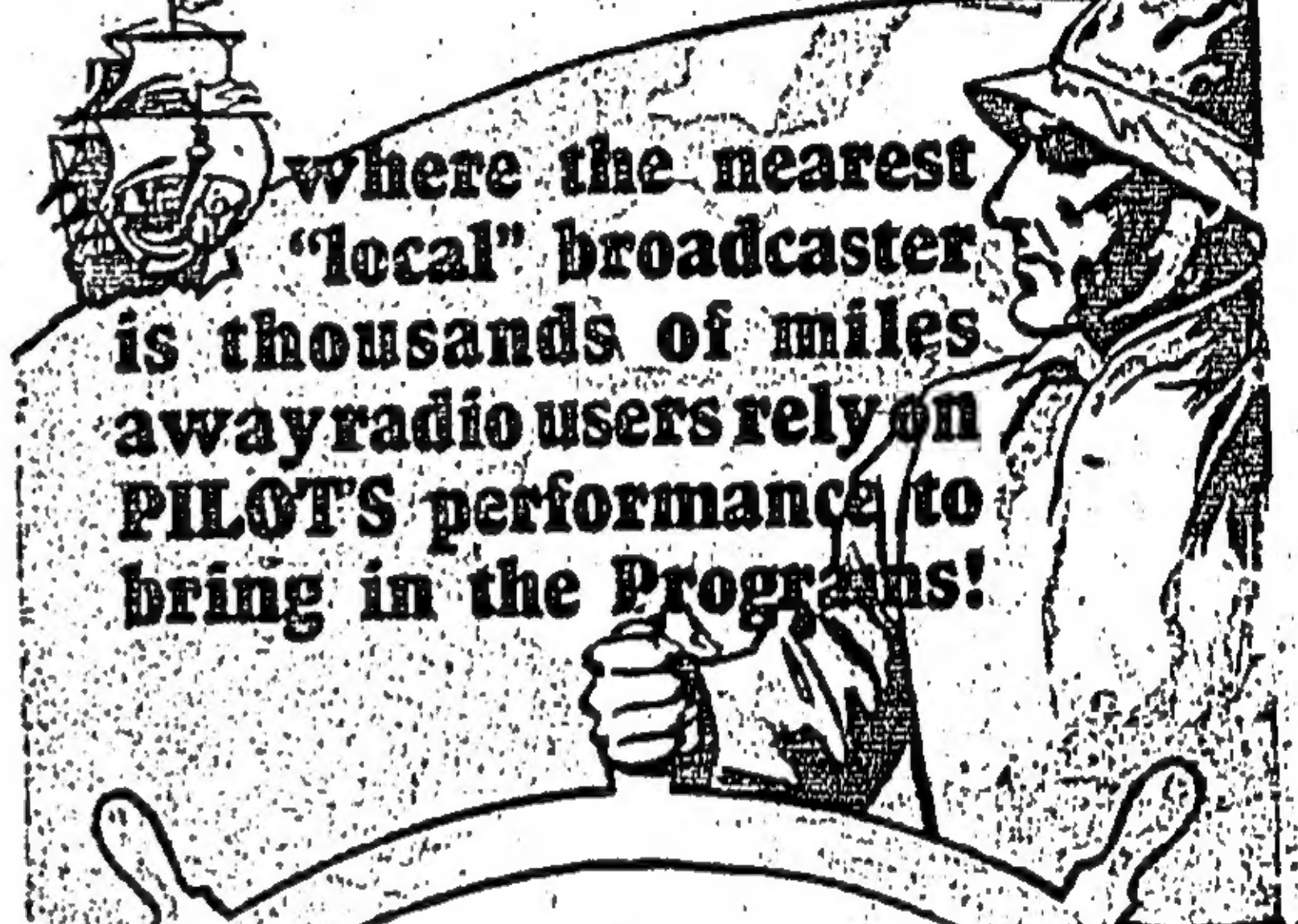
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DARING'S HEAVY CASUALTIES

LONDON, Feb. 21 (Reuter).—The casualty list of the destroyer Daring which was torpedoed during the week gave the names of nine officers, including Commander S.A. Cooper, and 147 other ranks missing, believed drowned.

Mr. Rockefeller's Big Gift

NEW YORK, Feb. 21 (Reuter).—Mr. Herbert Hoover, formerly President of the United States, announced to-day the receipt of a donation of \$100,000 from Mr. John Rockefeller, Jr., for the Finnish Relief Fund.

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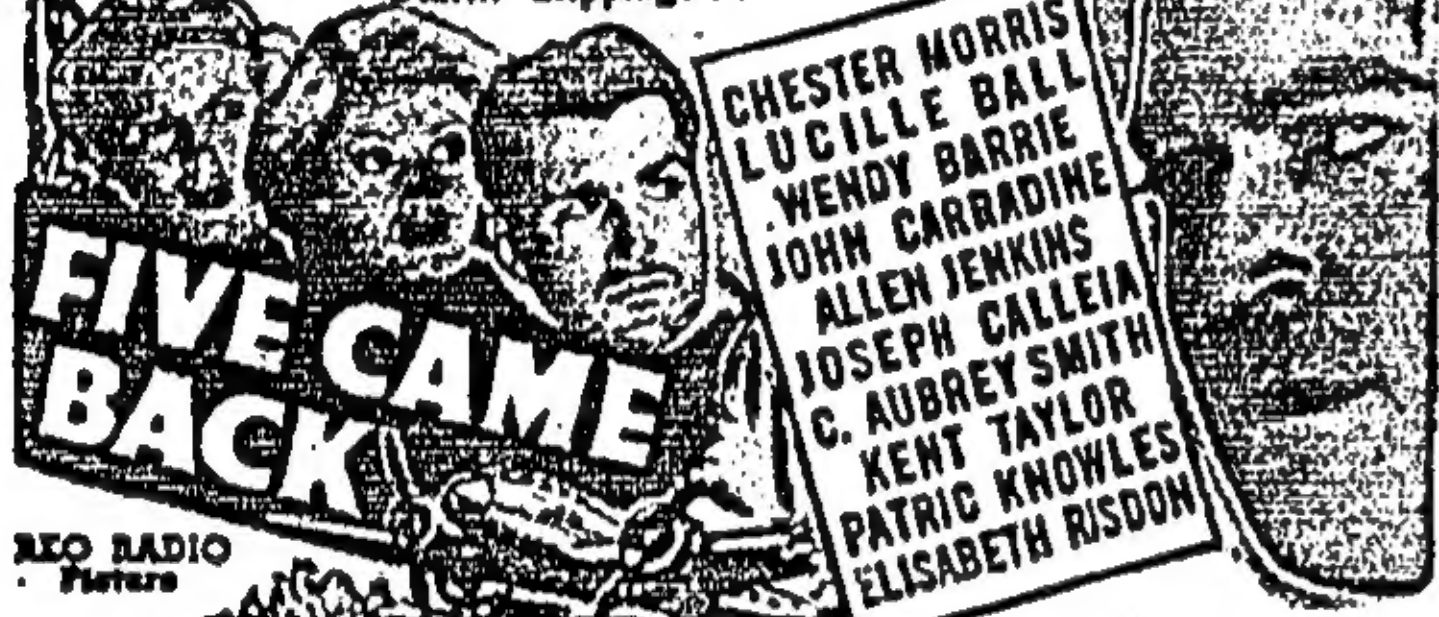
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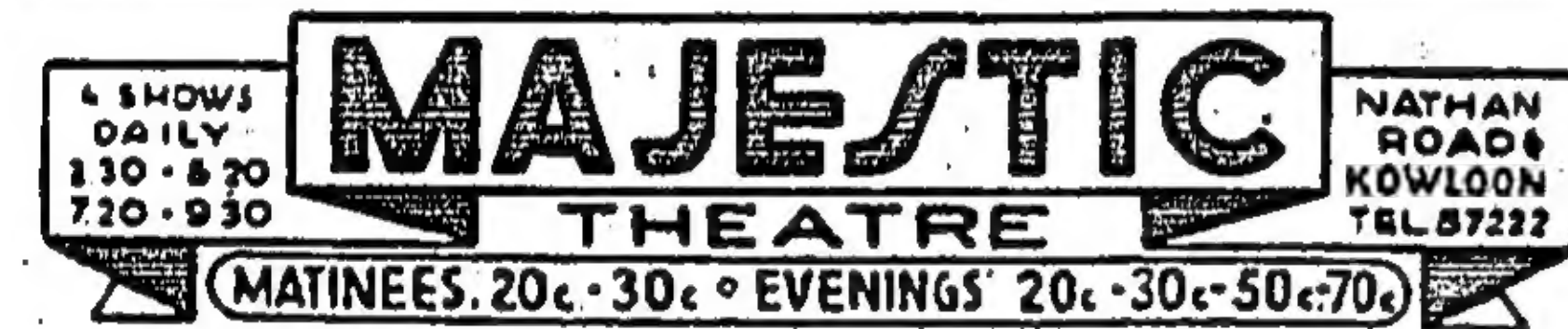


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BRIDE AUCTIONS KISSES

LONDON.—A bride this week had a happy thought for the soldiers after her wedding to Ronald Woodman of Gloucester.

Directly the ceremony had taken place she had the bright idea to collect money for the men of the Forces by auctioning her kisses—and even the best man paid up and forfeited his right to a free kiss.

Altogether her kisses were worth £1. 2s. 6d., and three darkboards were a little later received by "the boys in khaki."

KING WAS GUEST OF SICK WOMAN

From BERNARD GRAY.

"Daily Mirror" Correspondent with the B.E.F.

AS a Frenchwoman who had to billet German invaders in her little village estaminet in the last war, lay ill in bed to-day, downstairs the King's visiting his troops, lunched with the Duke of Gloucester, Lord Gort, B.E.F. Commander-in-Chief, and more generals than she had ever seen.

Her daughter, a buxom woman of over thirty, whose husband is a soldier in the Maginot Line, did the honours.

She had sent to the nearest town for flowers, put the best tablecloths over the beer-stained linoleum on the tables and dug out a party frock she had not worn for months.

And when the King arrived, Madame Jeanne, as she is known, rushed forward and presented a big bunch of red carnations to him.

On the wall hung a Cassandra Fund dashboard given by girl packers from Allen and Hanbury's at Ware, Herts.

The King smiled at some of the security posters on the walls, particularly one bearing a drawing of a voluptuous girl with the inscription, "A maiden loved, an idle word, a comrade mourned, and Adolf served."

From the moment he left G.H.Q. after rising at seven o'clock this morning, to the time when he returned in pitch darkness to-night, after a 100-mile tour of the British sector of the front line, the King was cheered by British and French alike.

Plenty Of Mud

He found plenty of mud. Duck-boards had been laid for him in many places, but long before lunch his field boots were plastered.

Several times he stopped his car to talk to soldiers lined up alongside the country roads.

Turning out the military aspect and the effect of the visit on the troops, I was most impressed by the spirit shown by the French

By MADAME TABOUI.

Who also tells why Germany has not attempted to bomb British cities

THE meeting of the Soviet Politbureau marked a turning point in the history of the war. Its decisions were another blow to Hitler.

Stalin, Molotov, Kallinin, and Marshal Voroshilov got the better of Zhdanov (Stalin's successor-designate) and the militarists, who have now been disavowed by the Marshal.

Hitler was confident that he had manoeuvred Stalin into a total military and economic alliance. He was getting ready to avenge the inglorious fate of the Graf Spee. The Politbureau decisions have forced him to change his plans.

German machinations had been partly responsible for the pressure of extremists and militarists on Stalin and Molotov to decide on a military expedition to Finland.

The invasion of Finland, therefore, was a success for Hitler. The expulsion of Russia from the League was an even greater success, as this has to a certain extent clogged diplomatic channels between the Allies and the Soviet.

Slow Red Progress

The slow progress of the Russians in Finland is a third and still more favourable development for the Nazi dictator. General Meretskov had assured the Politbureau that the conquest of Finland would be completed in three weeks. The failure of this plan has revealed the weakness of the much-vaunted Red Army.

The German leaders decided to exploit the situation by telling the Kremlin that their General Staff and their war economists did not know how to use their resources to the best advantage. What they needed was German experts and German organization.

Hitler's New Proposals

Hitler then outlined to Ribbentrop new proposals for Moscow. These concerned the conduct of the war in the Balkans and on the Western Front. The idea was that Russia would not be able to resist German pressure.

A number of Hitler's advisers, who were formerly opposed to his Russian policy, began to come round to his opinion. They assured him that they were now his most ardent supporters. "Thanks to you," they said, "we shall win."

But just as Hitler was about to carry out certain "reprisals" against the Allies to wipe out the humiliation of the Graf Spee, he became aware that the Kremlin was hanging back.

Intimidatory Tactics

Stalin, Molotov, Kallinin, and even Voroshilov decided that they must resort to tactics of intimidation and economic political pressure towards neighbouring states. Fresh "military conquests" might only reveal something radically wrong with the Red Army, and thus jeopardise once and for all the general Russian policy, not only towards the Allies but towards Germany as well.

The Politbureau therefore decided to make no more military sacrifices to Berlin.

This is a terrible blow for Hitler, who is obliged once again to abandon attack in the west and resume economic negotiations with Moscow in the same suspicious spirit as before.

The German Foreign Office is pessimistic about these negotiations. Their programme falls into three parts:

1. The old question of supplies for Germany, which have not yet started.

Purchase Of Ships

2. The purchase of ships, particularly the two cruisers Stalin and Molotov, together with the purchase or exchange of submarines and planes.

3. The sharing of zones of "imperialism" in Scandinavia, Central Europe, the Balkans, and eventually Asia.

Hitler is informed that Stalin prefers intensive economic pressure on Rumania to military action, which would give Germany the chance she so much desires of armed intervention in the Balkans.

Hitler is in the unhappy position of being unable either to attack Stalin, despite the weakness of the Red Army, or to organise that army for his own ends.

Even the satisfaction of using his formidable air weapon is denied him at present, as Goering is definitely opposed to the bombing of British or French civilian populations.

"The German people," says Goering, "will put up with all imaginable privations and repressions, but there is one thing it will not tolerate—being bombed."

"Consequently I am absolutely opposed, till the final phase of the war, to any air raid on Paris and London."

CHINESE CULTURE

A meeting of the Hongkong Branch of the Sino-British Cultural Association will be held in Room K at the University of Hongkong on Friday at 8.30 p.m., when Professor Chung-shu Lo, M.A., B.Litt. (Oxon.), Dean of the College of Arts, West China Union University, Chengtu, will deliver a lecture on "Universities as Centres for Cultural Co-operation."

Professor Lo has just arrived in Hongkong from London after an extensive study tour in Europe.

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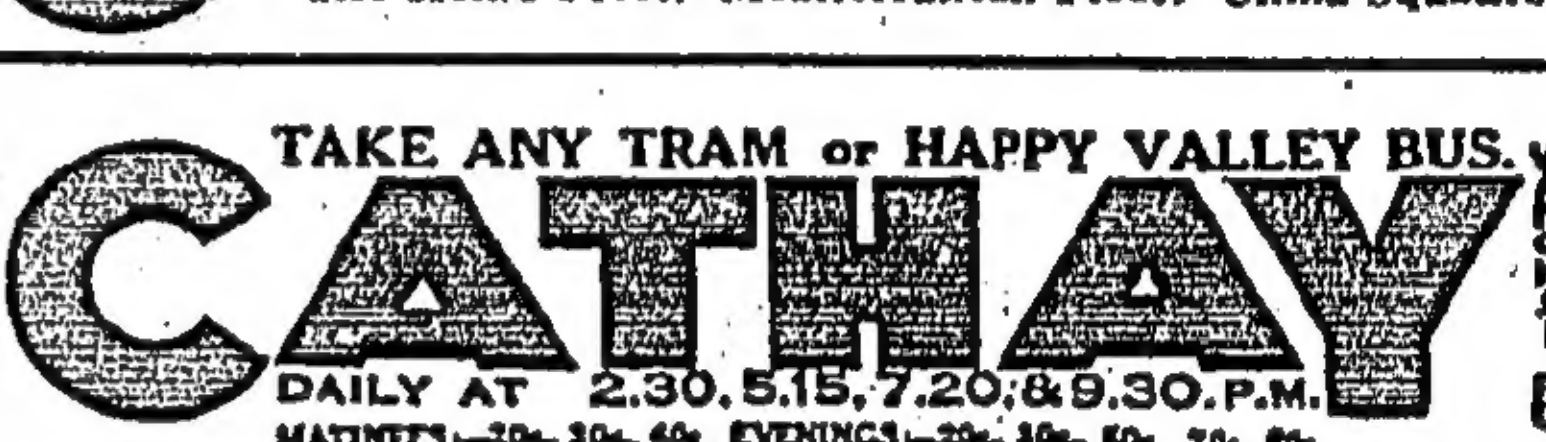
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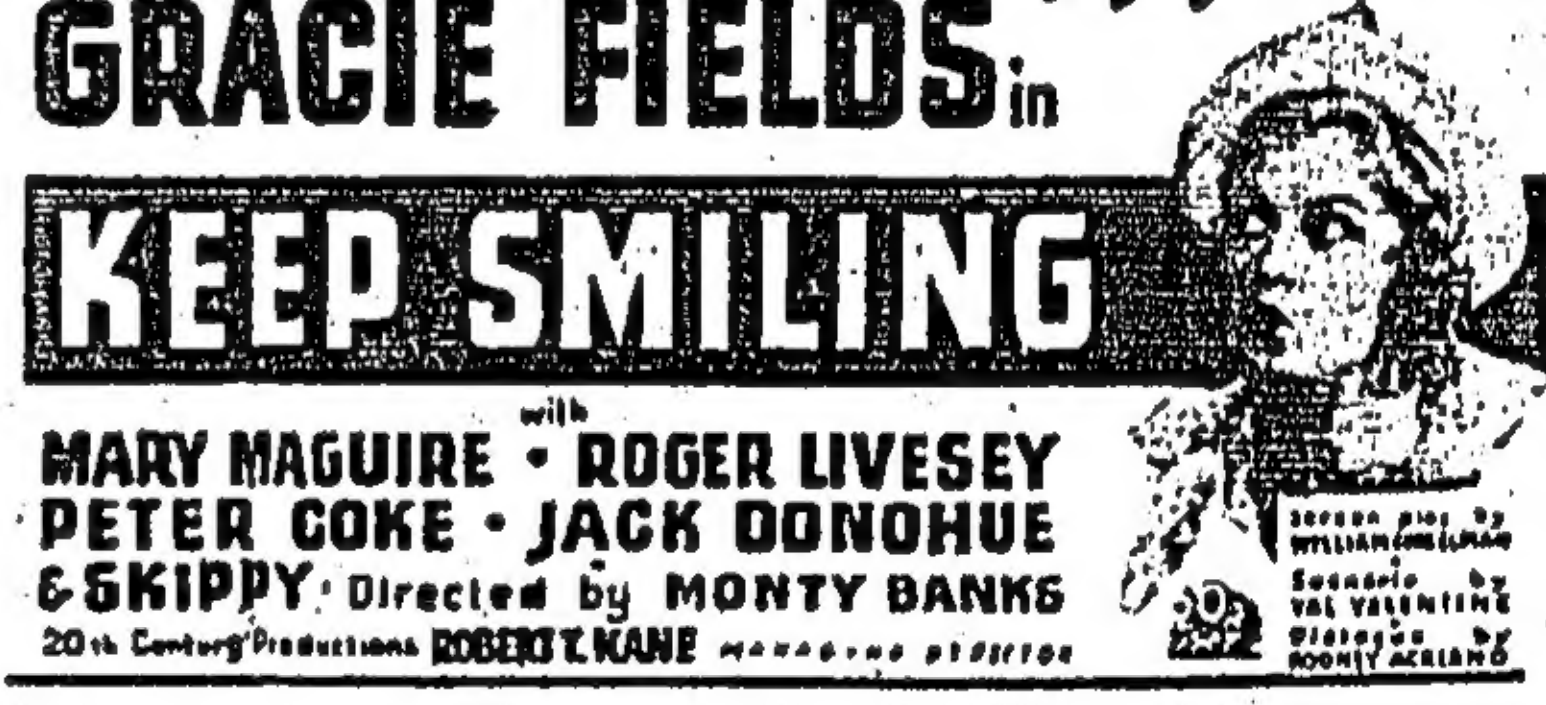
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RUMANIA PREPARES FOR MOBILISATION



Italy Expresses Consternation

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

ROME, FEB. 21 (DOMEI).—ACCORDING TO AN AUTHORITATIVE REPORT THE RUMANIAN GOVERNMENT HAS DECIDED TO PROCLAIM A GENERAL MOBILISATION EARLY NEXT MONTH.

Simultaneous with the proclamation, martial law will be declared in the northern, eastern and southern frontier areas.

INCREASING COMPLICATIONS

It is revealed that these emergency measures have been made necessary as a result of the increasing complications in the Balkan situation, particularly vis-a-vis Rumania.

The situation is expected to become intensified now that the Danube River is beginning to thaw.

The Italian Government is reported to be seriously concerned by the proposed mobilisation.

BEGINNING ON SATURDAY

announces a new series of articles on

THE WAR

written by Somerset Maugham, the famous British novelist and playwright whose works have been translated into almost every language.

MR. SOMERSET MAUGHAM'S ARTICLES WILL DEAL WITH HIS IMPRESSIONS OF THE WAR

The distinguished novelist has just completed an extended tour of France, in the course of which he has seen every aspect of the French war effort. His articles will appear exclusively in this newspaper.

Colonies Big War Effort

Mr. MacDonald Pays Warm Tribute

LONDON, Feb. 21 (Reuter).—The significance of support freely given to the Mother country in her great war effort by the Colonies was emphasised by Mr. Malcolm MacDonald, broadcasting to-night on Colonial development.

The Secretary of State for the Colonies said that no fact should give us more pride and quiet confidence in the justice of our cause than that the peoples of the Colonies were eager to share with us every hazard and danger of war.

"They are not self-governing. They are still under our rule. They are small communities which might be excused if they shunned the right. It is significant indeed that they, who have experience of us as rulers, recognise us instinctively as the champions of the liberty of small peoples."

BRITON CHARGED WITH ESPIONAGE

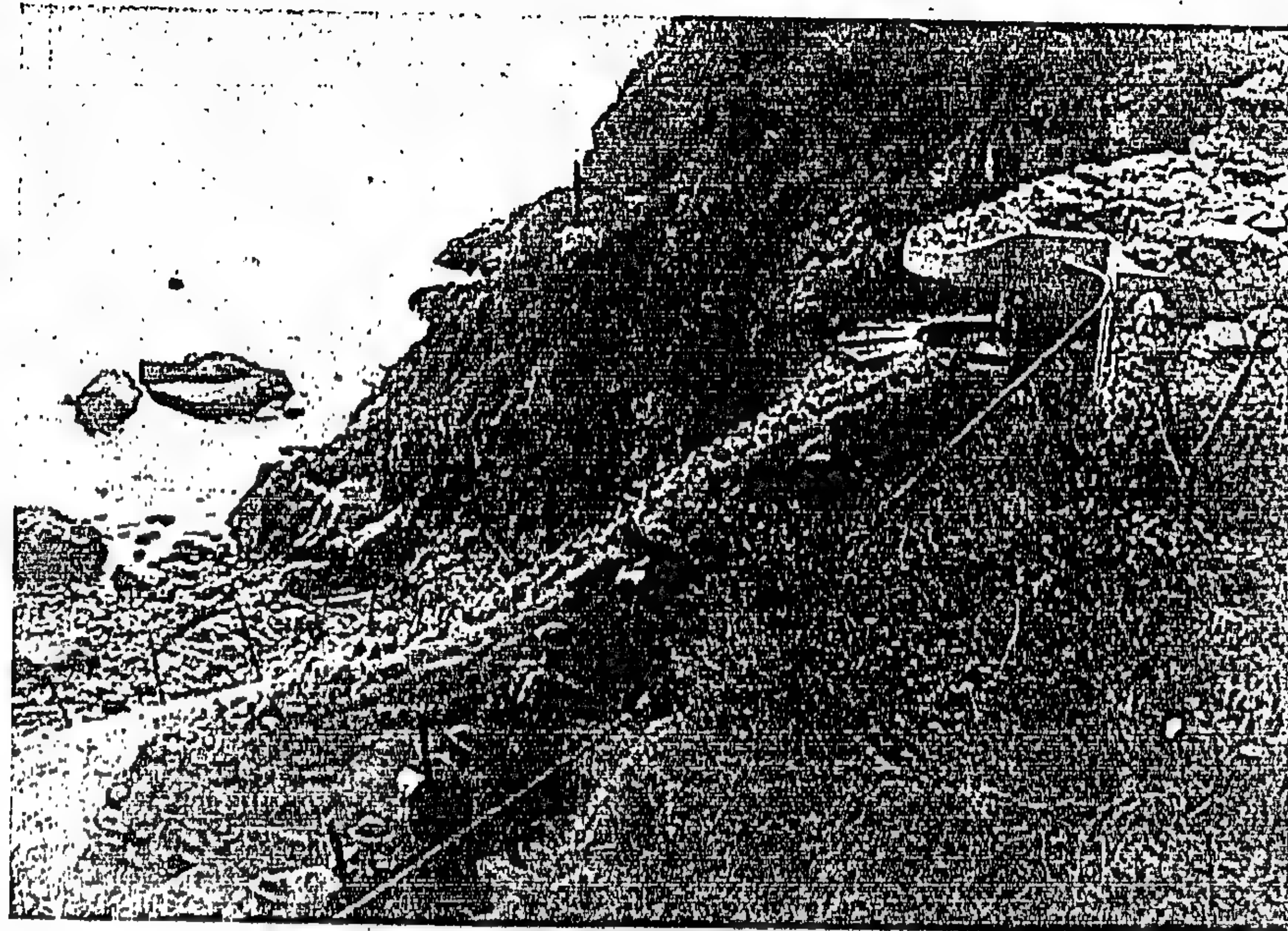
Round-Up Made By Stockholm Police

STOCKHOLM, Feb. 21 (Reuter).—A British subject, Donald William Beach, was one of five men who appeared in a Stockholm court to-day on a charge of espionage.

The other four accused are of Swedish nationality. Beach told the court that he was trained as a wireless telegraphist during the last war, after which he was for some time working as a ship's wireless operator. After preliminary proceedings, the public were excluded from the courtroom.

HONGKONG PREPARES:

Below we publish further photographs of a new series, specially taken by Norman Soong, of Hongkong's defence preparations. These photographs will appear daily in the "Telegraph".



ONE OF the many pill-boxes that dot the rocky coast of the Island. A section of machine-gunners is going to its post.

156 Lost Aboard Hongkong Destroyer

Complete Casualty List Of H.M.S. Daring

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Feb. 21 (UP).—The Admiralty has announced that the total casualties aboard the destroyer Daring amounted to 156.

The list under Missing, believed to be Drowned, includes the names of nine officers, among whom is Commander S. A. Cooper, 145 personnel and two members of the staff of the Navy, Army and Air Force Institute.

The names of Officers listed in addition to Commander Cooper are:—Midshipman J. L. Coleman, Gunner Officer W. H. Easton, Surgeon Lieut. G. J. Kearney, Sub-Lieut. L. G. M. Potts, Midshipman A. V. Pumphrey, and Lieutenants P. L. Roberts, P. C. Gordon and W. J. K. Shanksy.

The casualty list of Ratings who are missing, believed to be drowned, includes:—F. W. Amor, G. W. Armstrong, F. B. Ashfield.

D. J. Barry, D. P. Beamish, A. E. Bellis, A. H. Bendon, Reginald Bercy, A. G. Bevan, Duncan Blair, F. A. Boggs, L. W. Brown, P. M. Byng, J. C. Cameron, J. H. Cameron, P. H. W. Campbell, F. G. Card, Kenneth

LATEST

European Child Falls Sixty Feet To Death

TOMMY, six-year-old son of Sergt. and Mrs. Ient, of the Royal Signals, crashed sixty feet to his death yesterday when he overbalanced from the roof of his home at 5, Gap Road, Happy Valley.

No-one appears to have witnessed the accident. When the body was discovered on the concrete pavement below by neighbours, the child was still alive but unconscious.

He died before the ambulance arrived. Besides the body was a toy pistol, with which Tommy had been "playing soldiers."

Mrs. Ient is prostrate with grief. The report of the incident to the police was made by her husband, who was on duty when the accident occurred.

The home occupied by Sergt. and Mrs. Ient is on the ground floor of 5 Gap Road, which overlooks the race-course. A large number of military families live in the vicinity and Tommy was a popular playmate with their children.

Lady Halifax Back In England

LONDON, Feb. 21 (British Wire- less).—Lady Halifax, wife of the Foreign Secretary, who had been on a short visit to Italy, arrived back to-day in London. She had been in Rome since February 10 when she reached there with her son, Mr. Richard Wood.

Reds Advance On Viborg In Two Columns

DECISIVE BATTLE SAID IMMINENT

BY HENRY SHAPIRO

"UNITED PRESS" STAFF CORRESPONDENT

MOSCOW, Feb. 21 (UP).—The most important battle of the Russo-Finnish war is believed to be imminent in the Viborg sector.

The Russians are reported to be mopping up the Finnish left flank and advancing in two columns on a steadily narrowing salient.

The latest reports state they have taken up positions at Somme and Sanje—six and four miles respectively south of Viborg.

Success By Friday

Russian war correspondents to-day hinted at the Soviet's confidence of success on or before the Red Army anniversary on Friday.

"Tass," the official Soviet news agency, states that the Red Army has made itself familiar with the terrain and fighting conditions.

The Soviet press to-day gave great prominence to a "Tass" dispatch saying that the Red Army "has now decided to break the Mannerheim Line—a drive that presages the end of the Finnish war."

The dispatch is dated from Kovno and states: "Military experts are saying that the Mannerheim line is as strong as the Siegfried or Maginot lines and its destruction is a most difficult task from a military point of view."

To-day's official Finnish communiqué states that there was heavy fighting in the Summa and Taipale sectors on Tuesday when the Finns repulsed all Russian attacks.

It said the fighting was heaviest at Taipale where two Russian divisions made a joint attack.

The communiqué confirmed that 17 Russian planes were shot down yesterday, while two others are reported to have been destroyed but the reports cannot be confirmed.

Six Others Crash

Further reports state that an additional six Russian raiders crashed, making a possible total of 25 Russian planes lost to-day.

In the course of widespread raids the Russians bombed Hangö and several other towns. It is alleged that they raided the towns repeatedly.

NAZI BATTLESHIP IN SOUTH ATLANTIC

MONTEVIDEO, Feb. 21 (Reuter).—A Nazi pocket battleship, either the Deutschland or the Admiral Scheer, is now in the South Atlantic waiting to attack merchant ships and avenge the Graf Spee, according to the newspaper, "El Pueblo," which quotes an "authoritative source."

The newspaper assumes that the German cargo-boat, Lahn, which recently loaded coal and left ostensibly for Buenos Aires will act as supply ship for the pocket battleship.

To Run British Blockade

NEW YORK, Feb. 21 (Reuter).—The German 14,000-ton freighter, Antonio Delano, is ready to sail from Bahia, Brazil, with a \$1,000,000 cargo, according to a "New York Times" despatch from Rio de Janeiro.

New Ship To Be Launched

Ceremony At Kowloon Docks To-day

The launching of the steamer Heinrich Jessen, built to the order of Rhederl. M. Jensen A/S, Aabenraa, Denmark, will take place at the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock, at 6.30 p.m. to-day.

Mrs. J. H. Jessen, wife of the manager of Jensen and Co. at Hongkong will perform the launching ceremony.

For China Coast Service

Designed for the China Coast trade, the new vessel is 3,500 tons dead-weight with accommodation for 15 first class, 30 second class and 1,000 deck passengers.

She has an overall length of 310 ft. 6 ins. Her depth moulded to the upper deck is 27 ft. 3 ins and breadth 45 ft. 6 ins. Carrying a Hongkong passenger licence the new steamer is powered by a 2,200 h.p. triple expansion steam engine with turbo compressor.

The keel was laid last June. The new vessel will increase Jensen and Co.'s fleet on the China coast to three steamers, the others being the Michael Jensen built in 1927 and the Gustav Diederichsen built in 1936. Launches will leave Queen's Pier to take guests to the launching at 5.45 p.m.

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PARTICULARS & CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Monday, the 26th day of February, 1940, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Mount Cameron Road, in the Colony of Hong Kong, for a term of 21 years.

Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant) will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, (\$200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Purchase price.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents in sq. feet	Ann. Rent	Upset Price
1	No. 112	Mount Cameron Road, Adjacent to Rural Building Lot No. 420.	N. 112 ft. E. 112 ft. S. 112 ft. W. 112 ft.	4,800	\$10	\$400
as per sale plan.						

POST OFFICE

INWARD MAILS	
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—London date, 14th February.	Feb. 22.
Amoy	Feb. 22.
Bangkok and Saigon	Feb. 22.
Haiphong	Feb. 22.
Canton	Feb. 22.
U.S.A., Honolulu, and Japan (San Francisco date, 20th Jan.).	Feb. 23.
Shanghai	Feb. 24.
Canton	Feb. 24.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan, Shanghai and Manila (San Francisco date, 20th Jan.).	Feb. 24.
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—London date, 17th February.	Feb. 25.
Haiphong, Hoihow and Fort Boyard.	Feb. 25.
Shanghai	Feb. 25.
Straits	Feb. 25.
Canton	Feb. 25.
Japan	Feb. 25.
Manila	Feb. 25.
Sandakan	Feb. 25.
Shanghai and Amoy	Feb. 25.

OUTWARD MAILS	
Thursday, Feb. 22	
Shanghai	2.30 p.m.
Sandakan	12.30 p.m.
Haiphong	1 p.m.
Amoy	2.30 p.m.
Shanghai	7.00 p.m.
Friday, Feb. 23	
Amoy and Shanghai	10 a.m.
Amoy and Shanghai	2.30 p.m.
Saturday, Feb. 24	
Straits, Amoy and Formosa	8.30 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa	10.30 a.m.
Parcels only for Tientsin	2.30 p.m.
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due London 3rd March.	G.P.O. & K.P.O.
Tea, etc.	Feb. 24, 5 p.m.
Ord.	Feb. 24, 5.30 p.m.
Haiphong	5.30 p.m.
Sunday, Feb. 25	
Formosa, Shanghai and Japan 9 a.m.	
Shanghai (Parcels only)	9.00 a.m.
Salon, Sandakan, Madang, Salamaua, Rabaul and Tulagi	9 a.m.
Monday, Feb. 26	
Canton	7.15 a.m.
Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu, U.S.A., Central and South America via San Francisco—due San Francisco 17th March.	G.P.O. and K.P.O.
Parcels	Feb. 24, 5 p.m.
Reg.	Feb. 26, 9.45 a.m.
Ord.	Feb. 26, 10.30 a.m.
Haiphong	1 p.m.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

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1	No. 421.	Between To Kwa Wan Road, and Ha Heung Road, South West of Kowloon Inland Lot No. 418.	N. 112 ft. E. 112 ft. S. 112 ft. W. 112 ft.	4,800	\$10	\$400
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TENNIS TOURNAMENT 1940

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THREE MEN WHO FOUGHT THE ADMIRAL GRAF SPEE TO MARRY

From H. de WINTON WIGLEY

Admiral's Medal To Be Auctioned

LONDON.—War medals and decorations belonging to the late Mr. E. E. Needes of Highgate, London, have been sold at Glendinning's, Oxford-circus. Among them was a Naval Service Medal with six bars awarded to Rear-admiral Cockburn, for gallant conduct at sea at St. Vincent, Egypt and Martinique.

Blockade Is Ruinous: Nazi Wail

ZURICH. AN article in Goering's periodical, the "Five Years' Plan," written by Emil Helfferich, admits the strangulation of Germany's trade by the British contraband control.

Helfferich, a German economic expert, writes: "We must face facts. As in 1914-15, England's power has brought the German overseas trade to a complete standstill."

"German ships are lying in more than 100 harbours all over the globe. These goods and ships are blocked by the British Navy and part of them have already been confiscated."

"Another complication is that German importers will not be able to unload and store any goods which might eventually arrive, and which they ordered and paid for a long time ago, owing to lack of space. The tragedy of 1914-15 is being repeated on the German export front."

"The Fuehrer himself said: 'Germany must export or die.' The whole of the import and export trade, particularly exports, made the greatest efforts to carry out the Fuehrer's wishes, and the result is that in Kiel, Luebeck, Bremen, and Hamburg they are all gradually heading for ruin."

"None of the firms were able to build up any financial reserve owing to heavy taxation, and as they are compelled to meet their interest payments and all liabilities and cover their overheads, they are all heavily involved."

CRIPPLED VESSEL BOMBED, SUNK

THE ruthless bombing and machine-gunning of an unarmed British ship were described by her crew, who were landed at Flushing by a Dutch steamer.

The bombed vessel was the Highwave (1,178 tons), of London.

She had neither guns nor radio, and when the attack took place in the North Sea she could not move because her engines were out of order.

The second engineer said: "First the plane machine-gunned us from all sides. Bullets whistled through the second mate's cabin, and two of our men fell wounded, one in the shoulder and the other in the leg."

"Then the plane circled round, dropping bombs, each time it came over us, first small incendiary bombs, then high explosives."

"The bridge was carried clean away. The forward mast went down like a ninepin."

"Ten bombs were dropped, and the last, a big one, took the whole side of the ship away."

"We had only three minutes to leave the ship and take to the boats."

"Darts" Dropped on Ship

A "shower of silver darts" is said to have been dropped by a Nazi plane which attacked a Grimsby trawler, the Fussell.

The crew took to the boats but later went back to the damaged vessel and got her to port.

DOWN in the wardroom was a crowd of naval and marine officers from other ships, paying a congratulatory visit.

In this cheery atmosphere we had lunch, with a buzz of conversation around us.

Only a few weeks ago the wardroom was the hospital, and these young surgeons now chatting over their meal had their instruments spread out, ready for emergencies.

The padre was standing by to attend to the wounded and dying.

Seven of the crew of Ajax were killed.

Their bodies were committed to the sea.

The Eyo

STANDING at my elbow in the wardroom was a tall, fair young man. He was the eye of the Ajax that fatal day. He was catapulted from her deck in an aeroplane and flew over the thundering, smoking ships, telling the little British fleet all that he could see.

I shook hands with him, congratulated him, and told him I had heard that he gave warning of a torpedo that was streaking for Ajax.

He smiled and said, "We all had jobs to do that day."

No more than that.

IT is obvious that Ajax is what they call in the Navy a happy ship. To-day the crew were "dressed at work, but they were the proudest crowd of tars you ever saw, singing

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AS the fearless Ajax, with her two small companions, Exeter and Achilles, waited hopefully outside the River Plate for the goliath Graf Spee to come out and fight, her carpenter set to work on a strip of teak.

And as you step on the ship's quarter-deck you see at once the result of his handiwork.

You see the panel recording engagements of ships of the name, beginning with St. Vincent, 1780, and coming down, through Trafalgar, to Jutland.

Underneath is that strip of teak, now brilliantly polished and bearing in letters of gold "The Plate, 1939"—the very latest of British naval honours.

As flames of self-destruction mounted into the sky from the Graf Spee, Chips had affectionately polished up the panel and Ajax sailed home across the South Atlantic with the honour shining beneath her after-gun-turret.

Just Splinters of Shells

I have spent most of to-day aboard Ajax. You would never think she had been two years on commission, sometimes in the tropics, sometimes in the ice off the Falkland Islands, and finally at grips with the pride of the German Navy.

She gleams trim and neat. If you walk around, looking closely, you can see small chips and scars here and there.

"Oh," says a rating, "those are just splinters of shells that burst in the water. They're nothing."

The top of her after-mast is damaged and the White Ensign flies a spar below, but it flies all the more proudly in our eyes.

Her after-gun-turrets were put out of action, but they are shipshape again now.

Valentines For Hitler

IN one of those turrets was C. P. O. Watson, of Westcliff, the Chief Gunner's mate, who was in charge of a young gun crew.

At the height of the battle they were chucking messages on the shells that were to flash towards the Graf Spee.

"One for Hitler," they wrote, "One for Goebbels," and "With love from—Chaddy." Chaddy—being—a youngster of 17.

Then there was the boy who, as he stood at his station, found delight in talking in the hoarse tones of Popeye the Sailor Man.

Beaten by Better Gunnery

CAPTAIN WOODHOUSE told me he had a magnificent crew. What did the men think of their captain? Well, here is a senior rating on the subject.

"The Germans ought to have wiped us up," he said. "The gunnery was good, but ours was better. The Graf Spee was hit again and again. We had only two hits aboard us."

"If we had had a British crew aboard the Graf Spee it would have been a different story. In fact, if our captain had commanded the Graf Spee given with her German crew, it would have been a different story."

"I Have A Magnificent Crew"

I VISITED Captain Woodhouse in his cabin, where photographs of his family stood in silver frames.

He was sorry he had nothing to say, but finally remarked: "We in the Ajax feel we are only part of the Navy."

"We are the lucky ones because we made contact with the enemy. Otherwise, we are just the same as anyone."

"We are glad to set foot in England again."

"The only other thing I have to say is that, as captain, I know I have a magnificent crew."

FINALLY, I met three young bridegroom-to-be among the crew.

They are A. B. George Hunt, who is to marry Miss Rose Kitley at St. Peter's, Rochester; Chief Stoker John Simpkins, whose fiancée is Miss Rose Simpson, and who is to be married at Wimbledon; and Supply P.O. T. A. Nunn, who will be married at St. Giles, Durham, to Mrs. Ada York.

Stoker W. F. Ritchie, who has left the ship, is to be married in Scotland.

While the Ajax was ploughing the South Atlantic on active service the padre was calling out the banns for these marriages.

At home, in their own churches, the brides-to-be were listening to the banns there and praying that Ajax would come safely home.

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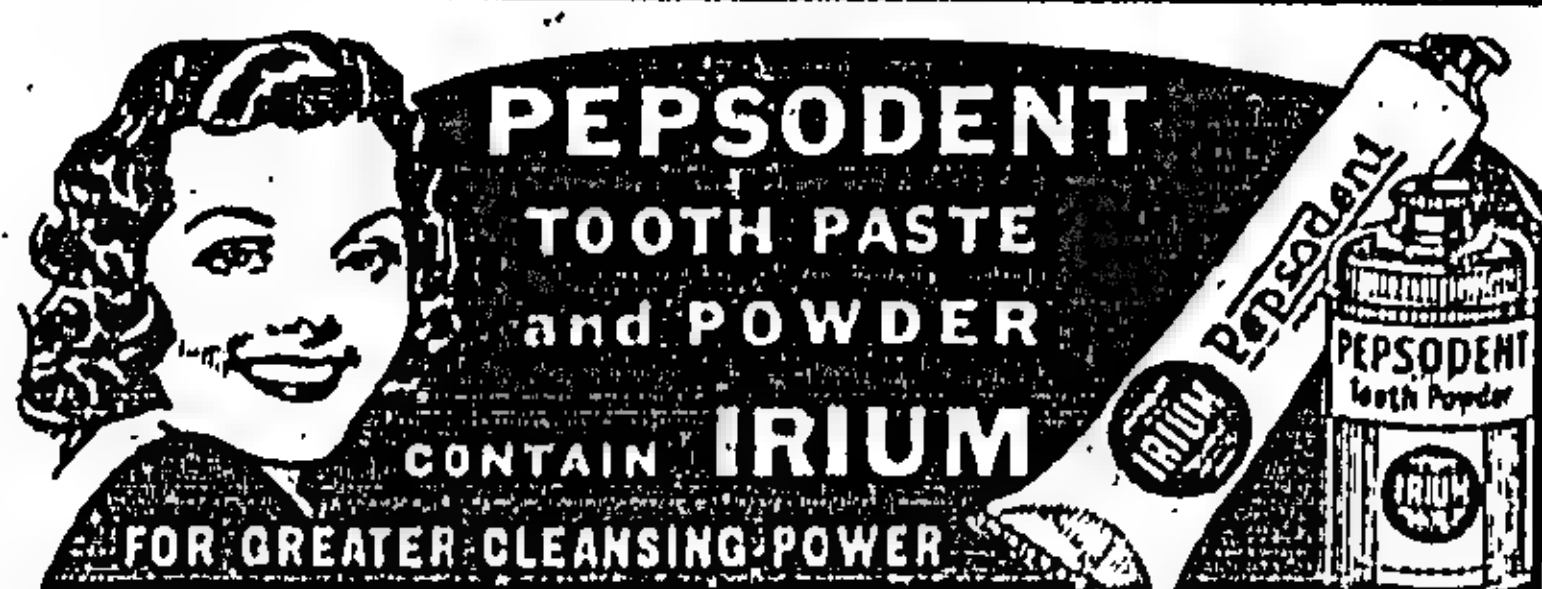
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SWEDEN'S WAR CASUALTIES

228 HAVE PERISHED

Neutrals Suffering Most In War

STOCKHOLM, Feb. 21 (Reuter).—Since the beginning of the war, Sweden has lost by torpedoing or mines 32 cargo steamers aggregating 64,000 tons, the Swedish Foreign Minister told Parliament to-day in reply to an interpellation.

He said that 228 Swedish people had perished and 15 were missing.

Seven ships for certain had been sunk by German U-boat, he said, and the tonnage lost by submarine action represented 26.6 of the total tonnage.

One and one-third of the tonnage lost by submarine action was destined for Britain. The rest was bound to neutral countries.

Fifty three per cent. of the tonnage lost was playing between neutral ports.

No Losses In Convoy

The Foreign Minister stated that to their knowledge no Swedish ship had been sunk while in British or French convoy.

He recalled the principles established in the London Agreement of 1936 regarding submarine warfare, and said that contrary to these principles, their ships had been torpedoed, although they had not refused to stop or undergo examination.

He recalled that the maritime warfare was characterized by contraband control by the Western Powers whereby Swedish ships were forced to enter very dangerous zones, by extensive lists of contraband and by intensive mine and submarine warfare.

Both sides used methods and defended them by arguments that neither one nor the other of the neutral countries could admit.

A Distinction

The Foreign Minister drew a distinction between the reaction of neutral countries to what he described as violations on the open sea. He said that in the former case neutral country had every right to take every possible measure to oppose violation, but in the latter case direct measures were scarcely possible owing to the danger of involving neutrals in war.

Measures of indirect pressure against violation depended on circumstances, he said.

Sweden took these possibilities into consideration in trade negotiations with belligerents.

The whole problem would be discussed at a meeting of the Foreign Ministers of the Scandinavian countries at the end of the week, he announced.

Norway Also Suffers

OSLO, Feb. 21 (Reuter).—Norway's losses now amount to 49 ships totaling 168,527 tons, it was announced to-day.

Although 327 Norwegians have been killed.

Believed U-Boat Victim

ST. JEAN DE LUZE, Feb. 21 (Reuter).—The Spanish freighter, *Banderas*, 2,000 tons, which sank six miles off Cape Villano after an explosion on Sunday, is now believed to have been the victim of a German U-boat.

Britain's Coal Shortage

Due To The Abnormal Wintry Weather

LONDON, Feb. 21 (Reuter).—Making a statement on the coal position, Captain Evan Wallace, Minister of Transport, said that the protracted spell of bad weather, including particularly heavy falls of snow and the prevalence of fog and other wintry conditions at sea—which were the counterpart in Britain of the unprecedented ice-bound conditions which had prevailed throughout Europe—had created an increased demand for coal, while at the same time interfering with transport.

Early Relief Expected

Arrangements had been made to accelerate the movements of coal, and he hoped that the situation in the areas where there had been a shortage would soon be relieved.

Additional supplies of coal to augment the London and South of England supplies were being arranged, and an increase of 70,000 tons per week, involving 143 trains per week, would thus reach the south.

The passage of this coal would necessitate a considerable reduction of passenger service on the main railway lines between Newcastle and London.

Export Subsidy To H.K. INCREASE

NEW YORK, Feb. 21 (Reuter).—The Department of Agriculture has announced that the flour export subsidy on shipments to China and Hongkong has been advanced 15 cents, to \$1.40, per barrel effective to-day.

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How Britain Is Aiding Finland

Big War Supplies

LONDON, Feb. 21 (Reuter).—"Reuter" learns that the following war supplies have been sent from Britain to Finland:

144 aircraft, of which 120 were fighters and 24 bombers. Between 40 and 50 have already reached Finland.

150 anti-tank rifles and ammunition.

10,000 anti-tank mines.

25,000 hand grenades.

25 howitzers.

100 machine guns and ammunition.

A considerable quantity of small arms and ammunition.

24 anti-aircraft guns and ammunition.

30 field guns and ammunition.

10 3-inch mortars and ammunition.

In addition considerable quantities of non-lethal military equipment were also sent, including respirators, gas contamination items, tents, clothing and telephones.

No Mediation By Britain

LONDON, Feb. 21 (Reuter).—Mr. E. Shinwell, in the House of Commons to-day, asked whether Mr. Chamberlain would consider an approach to the League of Nations or President Roosevelt with the view to offering mediation in the Russo-Finnish dispute.

Mr. R. A. Butler, the Under Secretary for Foreign Affairs, who replied, recalled that the mediation of the League of Nations was offered on November 12 and this was accepted by Finland but rejected by the Soviet.

It was open to the Finnish Government and the Soviet at any time to invite or accept the mediation of any third party, but His Majesty's Government had no authority to intervene in a third party and the two belligerent governments.

DUTCH SHIP IS SINKING

Explosion 60 Miles Off Finisterre

ROTTERDAM, Feb. 21 (Reuter).—The owners of the Dutch steamer, *Tara*, 4,700 tons, have received a message from the captain saying that the ship is sinking about 60 miles south-west of Cape Finisterre, following an explosion.

The *Tara* was bound from Bahia Blanca to Rotterdam with a cargo of grain for the Dutch Government.

The cause of the explosion and the fate of the crew are not yet known.

Tanker Feared Lost
THE HAGUE, Feb. 21 (Reuter).—It is feared that the Dutch motor tanker, *Den Haag*, 8,971 tons, has been lost on the voyage from New York to Rotterdam.

The *Den Haag* was carrying 11,000 tons of oil products.

Captain and Crew Saved
ROTTERDAM, Feb. 21 (Reuter).—The captain and crew of the *Tara* have been saved.

Scores of Incendiary Bombs on Swedish Town

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
STOCKHOLM, Feb. 21 (UP).—The Swedish Foreign Office has instructed its Minister to Moscow to protest against the bombing of the Swedish town of Pajala, a town of roughly 2,000 inhabitants located in the Tornea River valley about five miles from the Finnish border.

The Mayor of Pajala, Mr. George Taubs, told the "United Press" by telephone to-day that 30 explosive bombs and "hundreds of incendiaries" were dropped on the town from a height of 2,000 feet.

NO CIVILIANS KILLED
"A bomb badly damaged the church, completely destroyed three houses and set fire to others which are still burning," he said. "The explosions shattered the windows in all houses."

The Town Sheriff said no civilians were killed, although it is believed many are wounded.

He said that seven Russian planes apparently lost their bearings and bombed Pajala instead of a similar town on the Finnish side of the frontier. However, the weather was extremely clear and visibility was excellent.

Mayor's Broadcast
The Mayor has since made a radio broadcast over the Swedish network.

He said fifteen explosive and more than one hundred incendiary bombs were dropped, the latter dropping in the most populated part of the town. The broadcast said there were no dead and no wounded and that the church was not hit.

The planes apparently flew over the city once only and then disappeared.

Reports from Imaparanda and Tornea state that air raid alarms were sounded at noon, what is believed to have been the same raid.

THE COLONIES

NEW PLAN PRAISED BY PRESS

LONDON, Feb. 21 (Reuter).—Most of the British Press commented to-day on the Government's White Paper on Colonial policy. Few of them have anything but praise for what is regarded as entering into a new period.

Congratulations are general and the general impression is perhaps summed up by the "Times", which says that the fact that the war is going on has not been made an excuse for preventing the necessary measures from being put into effect.

The "Daily Mail" says that the new policy is not reward for the great war efforts of the Colonies. It would have come about, war or no war.

Some papers take heart in the fact that the Government's plans are for ten years ahead (20 years in the case of the West Indies). This calm, long-sighted policy is considered most encouraging at a time when the Empire is facing one of the most critical periods of its history.

Sense of Obligation

The "Daily Telegraph" says that it is fulfillment of Mr. Joseph Chamberlain's policy and scheme, founded on his own conception of Empire in which the sense of obligation gives place to a sense of obligation.

The only discordant note is struck up by the "Daily Express," which complains that while the Government passes the recommendations of the Royal Commission on the West Indies, it does not reveal that Committee's report.

The "Manchester Guardian," however, points out that at normal times they would have given the full report. It would, perhaps, have been the most striking document on Colonial administration for centuries, but there are good reasons why it should not be published just now.

Nazis Charter Italian Ships To Carry Russian Oil

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
ISTANBUL, Feb. 21 (Domei).—Reliable reports reaching here indicate that German interests recently chartered four Italian tankers to ship Soviet petroleum from Batumi to Varna and other ports on the Black Sea coast of Bulgaria.

The four tankers are reported to be capable of carrying 20,000 tons of oil in two weeks. They will play an important role in supplying oil to Germany during the winter.

Other reports said that following the conclusion of the Soviet-Bulgarian trade pact, the volume of German-Soviet trade is steadily increasing.

Boomerang Propaganda

Nazis Give The Lie To Themselves

LONDON, Feb. 21 (Reuter).—German propaganda is careful not to broadcast items which go direct to countries which know the real truth.

Thus the propaganda version of the sinking of the German ship, *Watussi*, has not been broadcast in the programmes to South Africa.

The story says that British bombers machine-gunned life-boats of the German ship which scuttled herself on December 2. The vessel, it will be recalled, was intercepted by planes of the South African air force, manned by South Africans.

Complete Refutation

A South African official in London to-day pointed out that a complete refutation of the Nazi lie was provided by none other than the captain of the *Watussi* himself, whose statement to the South African press on December 4 was reported verbatim.

The captain described how he had prepared to scuttle his ship as a lone plane circled around overhead. When everything was ready and there was no danger by abandoning the ship, he gave the order to hoist the German flag and for the passengers and crew in the life-boats to be overboard.

Shortly before giving this order, the seacocks had been opened and the passengers' quarters set on fire.

Stood Him A Drink

"We were only in the life-boats for one hour before we were all picked up by a British warship. We could not have been rescued faster by the Royal Navy," said the captain.

"The captain of the warship stood me a drink, and believe me, I needed it. The passengers were given coffee and food. Nor were my crew forgotten. They were given every attention possible."

Legal Battle For Cargoes

British Interests To Take Action

LONDON, Feb. 21 (Reuter).—British interests have decided to take legal action to secure the release of British cargoes from German ships lying in neutral ports.

This step follows the breakdown of negotiations under the Board of Trade licence with German owners for the release of British cargoes.

Concerted Action

At a meeting of British cargo owners to-day it was stated that cargoes worth £150,000 had been handed to owners in bases where such cargoes could be obtained against payment of a 5 per cent. refund contribution.

With the rupture in negotiations, however, it was no longer proposed to allow Germans to release individual cargoes where it suited them, and it was necessary to take such concerted legal action in selected cases in order to convince the Germans that they would be "wise" to make an agreement for the general release of cargoes.

Honours For Indian Poet

Literature's G.O.M. Given Hon. Degree

LONDON, Feb. 21 (Reuter).—Sir Rabindranath Tagore, world famous Indian poet, has received an honorary degree of Doctor of Literature from the Oxford University.

Although he is now in his 80th year, he still writes poetry occasionally and turns to painting for relaxation.

Venerable Figure

He has always taken a leading part in the movement for the true appreciation of literature and art of his own country in preference to copying Western styles.

He won the Nobel prize for literature as far back as 1913, which makes Lord Lintilhigo's statement that he is probably the most venerable figure in literature no exaggeration.

He took up painting when he was 68 years old.

In addition to his other work he has written and set to music over 3,000 songs.

Sir Rabindranath already holds the D. Litt. of Calcutta University, the Hindu University at Benares, the Dacca University and the Osmania University at Hyderabad.

PLANES ATTACK TRAWLER

LONDON, Feb. 21 (Reuter).—In Tuesday's Nazi raids, three men were wounded when a trawler was attacked. Two Nazi planes attacked it with machine-guns and incendiary bombs.

Slight Activity On West Front

PARIS, Feb. 21 (Reuter).—A few small exchanges of artillery fire between cismates on the Rhine are reported by the French military authorities to-day.

On the Vooges front, French batteries opened fire on some German working parties.

Fog prevented air activity.

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Air Power

"What I have seen since I began," says the old engineer in Kipling's ballad, "leaves me no doubt of the machine. But what about the man?"

The range of the Wellington bomber is far greater, with full war load, than a thousand miles each way. We have already a smaller type which has done more than 7,000 miles without a stop. R.A.F. machines now passing from the factories to units are far superior to those of a year ago, and the output has been more than doubled. But however good the aircraft, long range flights over Germany would not be possible without great daring and enterprise and the highest level of skill in plotting and navigation.

Both men and machines of the R.A.F. will hold something more than their own against those which Hitlerism can send up.

In these first months of the war the Air Force has had a testing time, with the results of which we may well be satisfied.

It has inflicted a heavy proportion of losses on the enemy aircraft which have tried to break through our defences. Its bombers have made effective attacks on German naval and seaplane bases.

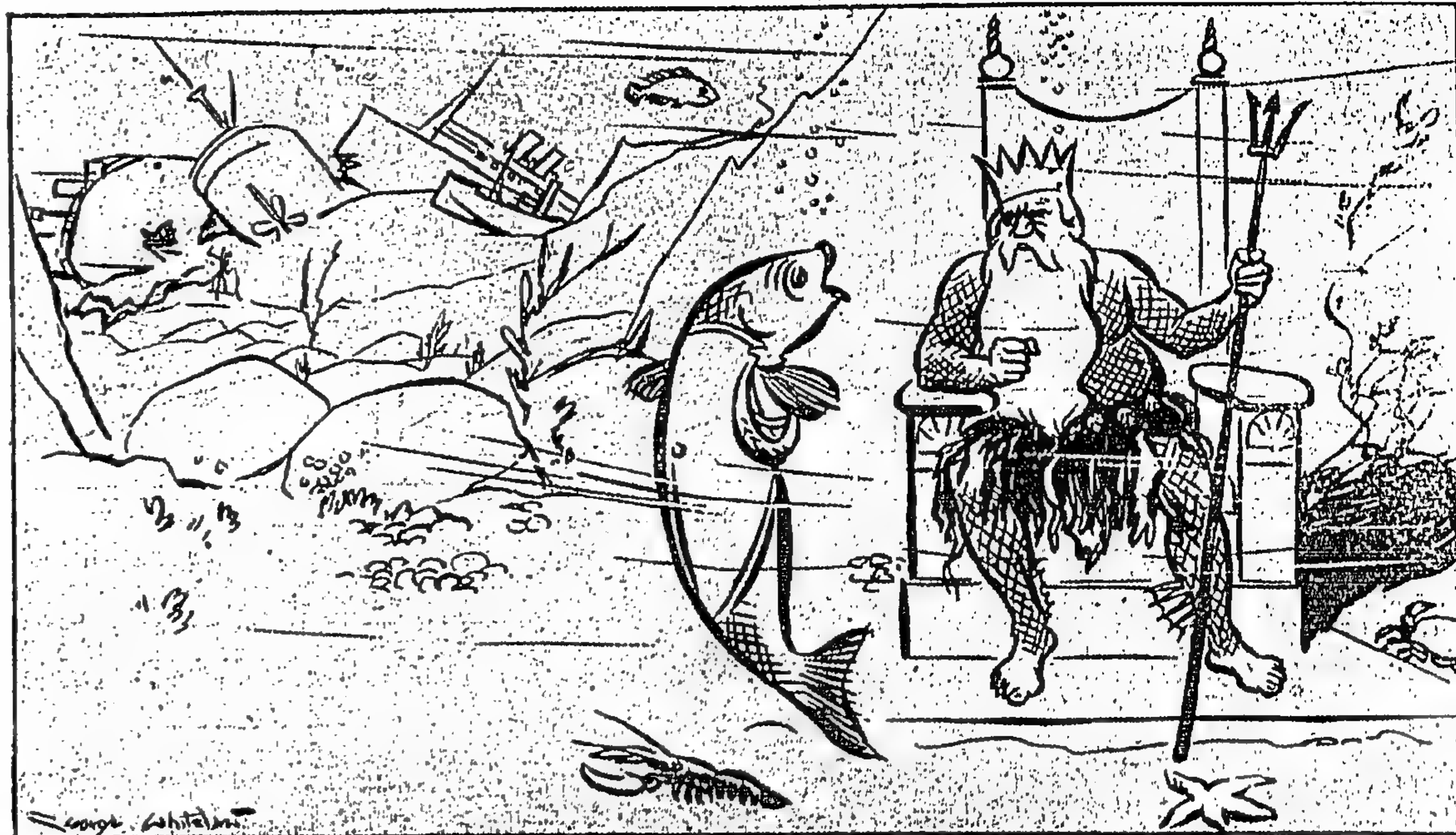
In baffling the campaign against merchant shipping it has given valuable help, so valuable that we may now consider the theory of the rise of air power weakening sea power to be proved fallacious.

A country of superior naval strength, it is clear, may increase its command of the sea by the use of the air arm.

Decisive air action has yet to come, and it is, of course, impossible to predict in what manner the Air Force may be used in major operations.

We have to expect that a more strenuous struggle may soon be fought whether only one or all the three elements are the scene of desperate effort.

But every day we have a better prospect of establishing our ascendancy in the air. Beyond the plans of production and training at home now coming to full development lies the formation of Imperial air power of overwhelming strength.



Strange goings-on, your Majesty! A lot of passenger liners and cargo vessels have sunk in the last week or two. Ah! Germany must be at war again.

Sidelights on the PEOPLE at war...

IN GERMANY..

**Hushed and
anxious**

WITH the war not yet three months old how goes it with the enemy? What are the German people thinking and feeling? How is their morale? How does the Fuehrer stand with his own people?

Important questions; and not too easy to answer. For really reliable evidence is hard to come by. And the other kind—rumours, propaganda, sensational stories—is too plentiful.

But reliable evidence is to be had. The prevailing mood in Germany to-day—at any rate in the towns—seems to be one of growing disillusion and depression. People are anxious, uncertain and worried about the possibilities of the future.

It is a sharp swing back from the confidence of the past few years. Before the war even anti-Nazis had come to have an almost superstitious belief in Hitler's genius—or good luck. Success followed glittering success; and always it was victory without war.

The coming of war was the first shock. But not an over-severe one. For Nazis and anti-Nazis alike had been persuaded that war would bring swift and shattering victories for the irresistible might of Germany. They had believed the boasts of their leaders.

It is not the coming of war, but the absence of any spectacular feat of arms that is undermining confidence. For the first time the Nazi leaders seem unable to perform what they so loudly promised.

Faith in them weakens. But so far one can put it no higher. The mass of the people still put their trust in Herr Hitler; still believe that he will somehow pull them through.

They cling indeed to that faith. For they see no alternative or only alternatives which they dread. Where else shall they look for leadership?

EVERYBODY dreads defeat, the possibility of economic collapse, the possibility of political disintegration; and the party propaganda swirls adroitly on these fears. The country then rallies to the Fuehrer because it must rally; and because there is nobody and nothing else to rally round. It has become sceptical about victory; but it believes that he may be able to win peace without defeat, and that nobody else can.

Therefore the great bulk of the German people is still loyal to the regime. There is no sign and no likelihood as yet of any serious "crack." But—except among the blindly faithful of the Party—the loyalty is without enthusiasm. The Nazi leaders' expectation that the Munich outrage would evoke demonstrations of passionate devotion to the Leader has been completely disappointed. There is no enthusiasm.

With the war as it is the mood is one of nervous uncertainty, of growing apprehension of resentment at increasing hardships; but of acceptance of it all because no one can see what to do except look to Herr Hitler to get the country out of the situation into which he has led it.

In that mood the anti-British propaganda campaign has had great effect. The human mind—perhaps the German mind especially—needs to throw blame on somebody for its misfortunes.

The German people is loath to

blame the Fuehrer; for it still needs to trust him. Moreover, blaming the Fuehrer is a dangerous occupation. So it grasps eagerly at the suggestion that everything is due to the wickedness of Chamberlain and Churchill.

Food stocks are sufficient. But there is a lack of fats and of other things needed for a properly balanced diet. The result—as doctors were beginning to note even before the war—is a lessening of physical efficiency, a growth of nervousness and irritability.

In recent weeks neutral observers have noted how much people talk about food. That is an eloquent sign.

GERMANY then is a long way from anything like starvation, probably a long way from anything like an economic breakdown through shortage of raw material.

But the shortages which exist, coupled with the ever-increasing pressure of longer hours and speeding up, begin to tell on the nation's nerves.

Outward expressions of discontent are few. The Gestapo sees to that. There have been some signs of unrest in a few cities. But these are rare; and too much should not be made of them. Germany in the third month of war is neither "on the verge of revolt" nor "soothing with discontent," nor anything like it.

But it is depressed and anxious, disillusioned and uncertain of itself. The war of nerves is beginning to have effect; and it is the German nerves which are beginning to be frayed by the strain.

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THROUGHOUT the last few weeks there has been revealed a clue to one of the greatest miscalculations Hitler, Goering and Goebbels have ever made.

Not so long ago it was the fashion in this country to poke fun at Parliament as a dithering and time-wasting institution cluttered up and hampered by red-tape.

Parliament suddenly showed its new-found might on that amazing Saturday evening sitting of the House of Commons on September 2, when Arthur Greenwood, rising from the Labour front bench, was greeted with a cry of "Speak for England!"

On the Sunday morning war came and the first salvo sounded its note over London. There is a great story still to be told about that Saturday night and that Sunday morning.

But it is supremely important to point out that during those few dramatic hours Parliament, realising that it represented, perhaps as never before, the people's will, took charge.

No one who looked on that historic scene could believe that henceforward a democratic Parliament would fail to act properly.

So Hitlerism has strengthened that

which it wished to destroy. Parliament is to be prolonged to-day. It will meet again next Tuesday an institution more powerful than it has been for many generations.

During these weeks of war its proceedings have been sometimes dramatic, sometimes humdrum.

But always there has been effectiveness.

There was nothing to equal it in the Great War. Then, nine times out of ten, the Government influenced Parliament. The difference is that Parliament now influences the Government.

Day by day there has been an obvious and unaccounted-for change of men in the fighting services, to meet the wishes of the House.

Constructive speeches or searching questions from the Opposition members are cheered from the Government back-benches.

That is not to say that Party issues and Party principles have gone by the board. On the contrary. Since that first alien sounded they have been as clear-cut as ever on certain issues and as keenly fought. But nobody can now question the supremacy of Parliament.

The power of this new-found Parliamentary control has been expressed in many ways. Parliament forced the Government to review and improve the allowances for dependents of men in the fighting services; to set up an inquiry into a remodeling of the old-age pensions.

It secured a Select Committee to keep a watch on war expenditure. It insisted on measures to deal with profiteering, made the Government climb down on the regulations under the Emergency Powers Act which would have brought back curfew, imprisonment without trial, and punishment for the dissemination of news and the propaganda of opinion.

Recorded facts show how great a part Labour has played. It is disputable that but for the Labour Opposition and its constructive work much of what has been done either would not have been done or would have been tragically delayed.

Within a few days of its instantaneous evacuation, "the greatest exodus since Moses," to quote Mr. Walter Elliot, was successfully carried out.

Industrial Labour has gone in "on the ground floor" in the organisation of war material output. The Ministry of Information has been re-formed because of Labour's insistence, and, by the same pressure, the Ministry of Shipping has been set up.

Hardly a phase of national war-time life has been left uninfluenced by the pressure of free Parliamentary opinion. Early in the war Mr. Greenwood defined the functions of Parliament as being twofold:

First, to hear statements by the Prime Minister and the Government and if necessary to debate and question them.

Second, for those M.P.s "close to the heart of the people" to bring home to the Government questions troubling the people's minds.

"I believe," he said, "that in this way Parliament—a hated symbol to Hitler—will grow in power during this war and will not become an atrophied organ of an effete body."

Parliament has grown in power. It has grown more in three months than in thirty years. Nobody can now doubt about among the people and fall to know that.

GRIN AND BEAR IT By Lichty



"I've got a new angle on the Truffle fellow's account—his wife gets money out of him by crying!"

DETAINED BRITONS

Japanese Action Is Queried In House

LONDON, Feb. 21 (Reuter).—In the House of Commons today, Mr. R. A. Butler, Under Secretary for Foreign Affairs, reported the recent arrests of Britons in Japan.

The Rev. F. E. Watts, an Australian, in charge of the Kobe branch of the Mission to Seamen; H. J. Griffiths of the firm of J. L. Thompson and Co.; and V. O. Peters had been detained by the Japanese Police since January 17, he disclosed.

No Precise Charges

The precise nature of the charges against them was not yet officially specified.

His Majesty's Consul-General at Kobe had twice visited the Rev. Watts and Mr. Griffiths and reported that they were in reasonably good health.

It had not yet been possible for him to visit Mr. Peters.

Viscount Halifax was in constant communication with Sir Robert Craigie, the British Ambassador to Tokyo, on developments in these cases.

Export Trade Development

Britain Takes Special Measures

LONDON, Feb. 21 (Reuter).—The steps which are now being taken to develop Great Britain's export trade are outlined by "Reuter's" lobby correspondent, who says that the home market will have to yield to the need for exports except for vital necessities.

The first aim is to recover markets lost at the beginning of the war, and the second is to extend them as far as possible consistently with the supplies of raw material available.

Cotton Export Prospects

Discussions are taking place between industrialists and the Trade Union with regard to the large number of workers required for the expanded export trade.

It is hoped that as the result of the work already done, there will be a noticeable increase of cotton exports.

Export of motor cars have been placed on a satisfactory basis by arrangements for the allocation of steel and other metals required.

It is also proposed to send missions abroad with a view to securing fresh markets, while better methods of salesmanship and publicity are being discussed.

The potentialities of South American markets are being carefully examined, and the question of coal supplies for Italy is receiving prompt consideration.

Air Force Decorations

LONDON, Feb. 20. Gallantry and devotion to duty in air operations are recognised in a long list of Air Force awards including three Distinguished Service Orders for Wing Commanders F. J. Pearce and W. E. Staddon, and Squadron Leader J. R. Hallingsworth. Sixteen Flying Crosses and 15 Flying Medals were awarded and the names given of 70 men mentioned in despatches.—Reuter.

Anxieties On Review

Suez, Feb. 21. Lieut.-Gen. Sir Archibald Wavell today inspected the Australian troops for the first time since their arrival a fortnight ago. Addressing them in informal terms, he said: "Australia is in the same Empire. We stand for what the Nazis seek to destroy."

The inspection was part of the Allied efforts to standardise all units so that they can be rushed to any threatened sector.—United Press.

Turkish Defence Committee

ANKARA, Feb. 21 (Reuter).—The Turkish Co-ordination Committee, established under the Emergency Defence Law "for the protection of the nation" have commenced working.

The Premier, Mr. Refik Saydam, presides over the Committee and other members of the Committee are the Ministers of National Defence, Finance, National Economy, Agriculture, Commerce and Transport.

Kowloon Golf Club Following Cup's Results

Following are the first round results of the Captain's Cup of the Kowloon Golf Club: W. Kershaw (14) beat W. C. Hung (18) 2 and 1; T. L. Lee (9) beat J. R. Leitch (17) 3 and 1; H. F. Pinn (16) beat C. O. Anderson (19) at the 18th; F. C. Hart (9) beat W. C. Hung (10) 3 and 2; W. V. Allen (8) beat H. J. Grose (19) 10 and 8; A. Davies (10) beat A. A. Lopez (12) 2 and 1; S. J. Lee (10) beat A. J. Dennis (16) 8 and 6; T. Henderson (14) beat A. W. Ramsey (10) 2 and 1.

Members are reminded that the annual supper dance will be held at the Peninsula Hotel on Saturday, February 24. Tickets at \$2.00 each can be obtained from members of the Committee or from Messrs. Linstead & Davies, Exchange Building.

Farr Unfit For Military Service!

LONDON, Feb. 21 (Reuter).—Laughter greeted a statement made by Sir Kingsley Wood in the House of Commons today to the effect that the famous boxer, Tommy Farr, had been released from military duty because he was found on medical examination to be below the required standard.

When it was suggested that Tommy Farr must be fit because he was already stinging a £20,000 purse fight for the heavyweight championship of the world, Sir Kingsley Wood reiterated that Farr was not up to the required standards for service.

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Carroll, A. T. G. Champion, G. H. Charles, Albert Clark, J. S. Cleaver, H. H. Clifford, J. C. Cole, Arthur Cooke, E. A. Copperthwaite, William Coulson, R. H. Cox, John Coxon, W. L. J. Dean, J. A. Driver, F. W. Dwyer, J. P. Dunbar, H. J. Eastman, H. J. Elkins, William English, A. J. L. Evans, S. J. Evans, O. J. Everby, C. E. Fear, Robert Fitton de Finaly, E. W. Foot, John Fox, Albert Gaffney, G. E. F. Gale, J. W. Garner, H. C. Garford, John Gish.

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British Warships Off Norway?

OSLO, Feb. 21 (Reuter).—Rumours of the presence of British warships off northern Norway were circulating yesterday in Kirkenes, but nothing is known of them at ports along the coast.

Visibility at sea was greatly reduced by raging snowstorms, and returning fishermen stated that they had seen no signs of British naval activity.

Bombs On Sweden

Stockholm, Feb. 21. Russian planes bombed Swedish village of Pajala, five miles across the border from Finland. Four buildings were burned down and a church slightly damaged.

Allied Navies Tighten Grip Off Scandinavia

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

BERGEN, Feb. 21 (UP).—Coastal observers here report that ships of British and German nationality are standing offshore.

The German steamer Wiegand (9,000 tons) is attempting to re-load the grounded Altmärk in Jostedal Fjord.

The Allied naval control around Scandinavian neutral waters has been tightened with a closer surveillance of German naval and merchant shipping in the waters off the Norwegian coast.

Reliable sources state that the Allied fleets are watching not only German maritime movements off the Norwegian coast but are also

Baldur Was A Decoy Ship

Her Ruse To Escape Was Failure

LONDON, Feb. 21 (British Wire- less).—According to reliable information reaching London, the German tanker, Baldur, which it will be recalled scuttled herself at the time of the Altmärk exploit, was acting as a decoy steamer.

Both vessels have a number of similar features. Each was painted grey and had funnels astern.

When the Baldur scuttled herself, it was presumably hoped that the British vessels and aeroplanes in the neighbourhood would assume that she was the Altmärk and would give up the pursuit.

That such tactics were thought necessary is an interesting commentary on the German claim that the Altmärk was an innocent merchant ship.

DECISIVE BATTLE SAID IMMINENT

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strafing a children's home and a passenger plane.

The communiqué added that at Kuumu the Finns refused a Russian attempt to send reinforcements to surround the Finnish detachment.

Full At Koivisto Denied HELSINKI, Feb. 21 (UP).—The Finns officially deny the Soviet claim to the capture of Koivisto, which guards the southern end of the Mannerheim Line. The guns in this fortress town played an important part in resisting the Soviet advance.

North-east of Koivisto the Reds have extended the attack right across the Isthmus.

East of the Isthmus the Finns are claimed to have been thrown back on the ice of Lake Savanto.

Karelian Offensive HELSINKI, Feb. 21 (Reuter).—A Finnish communiqué reports more Soviet attacks in the Karelian Isthmus. It claims that the attacks were repulsed with heavy Soviet losses and that numerous tanks were destroyed.

The Finnish air force several times effected reconnaissance flights behind the enemy lines and bombed enemy troops and concentrations.

In the course of air battles, 17 enemy planes were shot down, enemy planes were shot down.

Hungarians Fight For Finns PARIS, Feb. 21 (Reuter).—About 1,000 Hungarians—the first contingent of a force of 10,000 who have volunteered to fight for Finland—arrived here today.

The "Paris Sair" states that they are leaving to-morrow for London. Most are ex-servicemen, including some officers.

The Commanding Officer said that while crossing Yugoslavia and Italy they received an extremely friendly welcome.

WAR ON U-BOATS UNDIMINISHED

Mr. Churchill Gives Assurances

LONDON, Feb. 21 (British Wire- less).—Asked in the House of Commons whether he could give the latest information of the results of action against U-boats, the First Lord said that our successes had been greater than expected and that though results, of course, vary from week to week, the average rate of weekly sinkings—not less than two per week—was in no way exaggerated.

Replying to further questions, Mr. Churchill re-affirmed Government's intention to arm all ships, including fishing vessels, as rapidly as possible and said that strong air patrols would be provided for the protection of fishing vessels.

DUTCH FIRE ON FOREIGN PLANES

THE HAGUE, Feb. 21 (Reuter).—Dutch anti-aircraft batteries opened fire on foreign planes of an unknown nationality near Den Helder during the night, it is officially announced.

Vote Of Confidence

STOCKHOLM, Feb. 21 (Reuter).—The Parliament here today gave the Prime Minister an expression of confidence in his foreign policy.

Exchange At A Glance

SELLING	
T.T. London	1/21 1/2
Demand do.	1/21 1/2
T.T. Shanghai	24 3/4
T.T. Singapore	52 1/2
T.T. Japan	103 1/2
T.T. India	82 1/2
T.T. U.S.A.	24 1/2
T.T. Manila	40 1/2
T.T. Batavia	43 1/2
T.T. Bangkok	130 1/2
T.T. Saigon	10 1/2
T.T. France	10 1/2
T.T. Switzerland	107 1/2
T.T. Australia	1/6 1/2
BUYING	
4 m/s L/C London	1/3 1/2
4 m/s D/P do.	1/3 1/2
4 m/s L/C U.S.A.	25 1/2
4 m/s France	11 1/2
30 d/s India	83 1/2
U.S. Cross rate in London	4.02 1/2
U.S. Cross rate in N.Y.	3.90 1/4

H.K. Stock Market

The following quotations were issued on Hongkong Stock Market this morning.

BANKS
H.K. Banks, \$ C.D. 1,435 b.
H.K. Banks (Lon. Reg.) £ X.D. 87 n.
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Chartered £ 8 1/4
Mercantile, A. & B. £ 31 1/2
Mercantile, C. £ 12 1/2
East Asia £ 78 n.

INSURANCES
Canton £ 215 b.
Union £ 480 c.
China Underwriter £ 1 s.
H.K. Fire £ 182 b.

SHIPPING
Douglases £ 100 b.
Steamships £ 10 1/2 n.
Indo-China P. £ 100 n.
Indo-China D. £ 80 n.
Shell (Bearers) s/- 70 1/2 n.
Waterboats £ 7 1/2 n.

DOCKS ETC.
Wharves £ 102 n.
Docks £ 22 1/2 n.
Providents £ 4 1/2 n.
Sh. Docks £ 34 1/2 n.

MINING
Kallian s/- 18/-
Rauha £ 10 n.
Venz. Gold £ 4 n.
H.K. Mines 3 1/2 cts. n.

LANDS
Hotels £ 5.05 n.
Lands 38 1/2 s.
Lands 4% Debentures 100 n.
Shai Lands Sh. £ 18.00 n.
Humphreys £ 7.70 b.
H.K. Realities £ 4 1/2 n.
Chinese Estates £ 101 n.

UTILITIES
Trams £ 17.55 b.
Peak Trams (new) £ 8 n.
Star Ferries £ 64 b.
Y. Ferries £ 25 b.
China Lights (old) £ 7.80 b.
China Lights (new) £ 5.05 so.
H.K. Electric £ 57 1/2 b.
Macao Electric £ 11 1/2 b.
Sandakan Light £ 26.80 b.
Telephones (old) £ 2.80 b.
Telephones (new) £ 19/6 n.
Traction (Pref.) s/- 19/6 n.

INDUSTRIALS
Cald. Macg. (Ord.) Sh. £ 14.90 n.
Cald. Macg. (Pref.) Sh. £ 12 n.
Canton Ices £ 10.25 n.
H.K. Ropes £ 5.85 n.

STORES, &c.
Dairy Farms (old) £ 22 1/2 so.
Dairy Farms (new) £ 21.40 b.
Watsons £ 9.60 s.
Lane, Crawfords £ 7 1/2 n.
Sinceres £ 1.60 n.
Wing On (H.K.) £ 41 n.
Powell, Ltd. £ 1 n.

COTTON MILLS
Ewo Sh. £ 37 1/2 n.
Shai Cotton Sh. £ 170 n.
Zoong Sing Sh. £ 44 n.
Wing On Textiles Sh. £ 40 1/2 n.

H.K. Entertainments £ 7 1/2 b.
Constructions (old) £ 1 1/2 n.
Constructions (new) £ 1 n.
Vibro Piling £ 8 1/2 n.
Ch. Govt. 5% 1925 50 1/2 n.
G. Bonds 100 1/2 n.
H.K. Govt. 4 1/2 % Loan 95 1/2 n.
H.K. Govt. 3 1/2 % Loan 14/0 n.
Marsmans (Lon.) s/- 14/0 n.
Marsmans (H.K.) s/- 4/- n.

STOCK MARKET REPORT
Hongkong Stock Exchange official summary issued yesterday says: Market ruled very dull.

Buyers.
H.K. Bank \$1,420
Canton Ins. \$212 1/2
Union Ins. \$470
Fire Ins. \$182
Humphreys \$7.70
Star Ferries \$64
China Lights (new) \$5
Entertainments \$7 1/2
Sellers.
Watsons \$9.60
Sales.
H.K. Bank \$1,430
Union Ins. \$480
Docks \$22.10/15
Lands \$38 1/2
China Lights (new) \$5.05
Watsons \$19 1/4/20
Watsons \$9.60
Manila Gold Shares

Atoks 18 1/2 b
Antamok 10 b
Bungalo Gold 22 b
Bintang Buhay 013 b
Blg Wedge 20 1/2 b
Coco Grove 14 b
Con. Mines 0030 b
Demonstration 12 s
East Mindanao 10 1/2 s
I.K.L. 11 1/2 s
Ipo Gold 11 1/2 s
Hogon Mining 27 1/2 s
Mambulao Con. 013 b
Mnsbate Con. 10 1/2 b
Mind. Motherlode 11 s
Mine Operation 10 1/2 s
North Camarines 10 s
Paracete Gumus 02 s
San Marcelo 17 b
Surigao Con. 12 1/2 b
Suyoc Con. 024 b
Syndicate Inv. 20 s
United Paracete 5.00 b
Benguet Con.

Mercury Production
Chungking, Feb. 21.
China is taking steps to increase her mercury production. The Kweichow Mining Administration, which is jointly controlled by the National Resources Commission and the Provincial Government, is planning to increase its capital from \$600,000 to \$2,000,000 with the aim of increasing production of mercury to 500 tons in two years.

The world output of mercury ranges between 2,000 and 3,000 tons annually. During the world war China's production amounted to 300 tons yearly but has dropped steadily since. In 1938 China had to import mercury for her newly established chemical works.—Reuter.

Death Of Veteran Explorer
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
LONDON, Feb. 21, (UP).—The death is reported at Bury St. Edmunds of Mr. George Windoe, aged 81 years. The deceased was the oldest member of Sir Ernest Shackleton's trans-Atlantic expedition in 1914.

SILVER PURCHASES

American Treasury Urged To End Operations

Washington, Feb. 20. The Advisory Council of the Federal Reserve system has asked Congress to end immediately the Treasury purchases of foreign silver.

The annual meeting of the Council unanimously passed a resolution which was transmitted to the Senate Banking and Currency Committee urging the discontinuance of the programme, "particularly in view of the fact that silver purchases increase the already excessively large bank reserves."

Administration officials defended the silver purchase programme as an aid to China. They said that silver is one of the chief commodities by which China is enabled to obtain dollar and pound sterling exchange with which to maintain her combat with Japan.

Senator John Townsend charged that the majority of the United States foreign silver imports were not from the Latin American countries but from the Far East.

Senator Key Pittman said the purchases from China enabled China to stabilise her dollar which was pegged to the United States dollar before the invasion but admitted that the Chinese dollar was now "virtually restored."

Senator Pittman expressed the opinion that Senator Townsend's repeal bill would not be enacted despite the action by the Advisory Council of the Federal Reserve system.—United Press.

Contraband Bases Very Active

LONDON, Feb. 21 (British Wire- less).—On February 20, 28 neutral ships were in U.K. Contraband Control bases of which 23 had been there five days or less.

During the week ended February 17, the Contraband Committee considered the cargoes of 80 ships which had arrived that week, and 38 outstanding cargoes from the previous week. In 68 cases, the entire cargoes were released.

A total of 45 cases were dealt with under the system of advance copy manifests and in 42 such cases, the vessels were released subject to a formal checking of the original manifests.

Atlantic Air Mail Service Hopes

LONDON, Feb. 21 (British Wire- less).—Asked in the House of Commons to-day whether the Air Ministry considered a feeder service between London and Lisbon, and thereby accelerate the Atlantic air mail, Sir Kingsley Wood said that he was hopeful that facilities for flight over the countries concerned would shortly be accorded and that it would then be possible to inaugurate the service.

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Blg Wedge 20 1/2 b
Coco Grove 14 b
Con. Mines 0030 b
Demonstration 12 s
East Mindanao 10 1/2 s
I.K.L. 11 1/2 s
Ipo Gold 11 1/2 s
Hogon Mining 27 1/2 s
Mambulao Con. 013 b
Mnsbate Con. 10 1/2 b
Mind. Motherlode 11 s
Mine Operation 10 1/2 s
North Camarines 10 s
Paracete Gumus 02 s
San Marcelo 17 b
Surigao Con. 12 1/2 b
Suyoc Con. 024 b
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"Pilgrim's" Hockey Notes

HOCKEY INTERPORT WITH MACAO

Suggestions For The Hongkong Team Association Council In Predicament

The monthly meeting of the Hongkong Hockey Association Council last Thursday had to be postponed because of the non-appearance of four or five members. It is true Volunteer camps and other important business might have been the cause, but the members concerned could have at least dropped a note to the Hon. Secretary or telephoned him, warning him of their absence.

On two occasions of late, when only an extra member was needed to form a quorum, the meeting had to be cancelled after a wait of three-quarters of an hour.

The Association in latter years has never been placed in such a predicament, and it is very annoying to those who do turn up to be later informed that a meeting cannot be convened owing to lack of support.

A meeting will be held to-day at 6 p.m., and I hope it will be possible to form a quorum this time.

HERE is my Interport team, and to aid the selectors in case trials are to be played I have nominated numerous reserves who are in excellent form at the moment:

Goalkeeper.—U. B. Souza (Radio), Backs.—V. C. Bond (C.B.A.) and Datta Ram (Rajputana Rifles), Halves.—M. H. Hassan (Radio), W. A. Reed (Club) and R. J. Reed (Nomads), Forwards.—Sha Wali (Rajputana Rifles), G. Singh (Radio), Homburg (R.E.), Narain Singh (Kumaons), and Parbhu Singh (Kumaons).

RESERVES

Goalkeepers.—Dobson (R.E.), V. M. Benwell (Club) and J. Lockhart, Backs.—Gusain Singh (Kumaons), Mehraj Singh (Police), J. Gonsalves and J. Gosano (Recreio), Halves.—Grosvenor (R.E.), Lieut. Hook (R.A.), N. Whitley (C.B.A.) and Brown (Police), Forwards.—Gemmell (Navy), Lieut. Pritham Nath (Rajputana Rifles), G. Fowler, S. A. Fowler and E. Fowler (C.B.A.).

Enthusiasts are reminded that the Interport will be played here on Easter Sunday, March 24. Macao will probably play a second match on the day following against the Rest of the Colony.

I have received definite information that the Macao winners, E. Nolasco and A. Angelo, will not be leaving for the United States until after the Interport. They were due to leave in the first week of March.

IN a Tournament game at Caroline Hill last Sunday, Radio and Postal Sports Club beat University 6-1 without much trouble. It is questionable if Radio will have an easier game this season. They scored six goals and had they exerted themselves in the second half they might have got at least two or three more.

Although G. Singh scored only once, he did more than any other Radio forward to upset the Varsity defensive system by his clever tactics and readiness to feed his winger, J. Pinto, at inside left, came right back into his old form to obtain two goals, and but for some fine goal-keeping by San Gupta he would have scored at least two more goals in the second half.

The champions' strength, however, was at half-back, J. Singh and Gurdial Singh, who showed constructive ability on the flanks, and M. H. Hassan effectively barred the path of the visiting inside forwards down the middle.

Goals were also scored by Avtar Singh (1), K. Singh (1) and Hassan (1).

Taking a 4-1 lead at the interval, the home team experienced little difficulty in holding their opponents in the second half when they enjoyed the lion's share of the exchanges. University started well enough, but once they fell behind they went completely to pieces. The defence was also over-run by a fast moving Radio attack. K.S. Oh did well to score in the first half when he followed up a weak clearance by U. B. Souza, but it was an uphill fight throughout because the forwards were weak. W. Abraham, at centre-half, was the most alert member of his side; the remaining halves, Leow and Hui were far too slow with their tackling and held on to the ball too long, with the result that they were often robbed of it.

In general, the University lacked cohesion and thrust forward, and, but for the good covering of the backs, Tam and Low in the closing stages, the defeat would have been more severe. In the latter half the Radio attack was also prevented from scoring by the good goal-keeping of San Gupta.

ST. ANDREW'S Ladies, who are making a strong bid for

the Caer Clark Cup championship this season, defeated Recreio Ladies, 3-0, at King's Park last Saturday. The Saints well deserved their victory and had they shown the same incisiveness in front of goal as they showed cleverness in mid-field, they would have had more than a goal's lead at the interval.

Mrs. Bliss scored once in each half and Miss H. Reid added the third point before the final whistle. But even so, better things were expected of the latter who was inclined to be off-side during most part of the game. Miss B. Longbottom, who substituted for Miss Churn, caught the eye in the second half when she played a rattling good game at outside-right. I am certain the Saints will improve their attack if she is retained in that position. Miss F. Wong seemed out of home at inside-right.

There was no doubt about the Saints' superiority in the second half when they simply swamped the Recreio defence, and the two goals scored in this period by no means represented their superiority. Miss J. Wong once again was a hard-working pivot, who was well supported by Miss G. White at full-back. Recreio's attack was their chief weakness. The line did not pull well together and only Mrs. Rodrigues was dangerous, though Miss B. Remedios on the extreme right put in some useful centres. Despite the fact that their defence was pierced more times in the second half, the visitors' rearguard was good, both Mrs. M. Silva and Miss O. Botelho playing well. Mrs. Silva, however, goes to goal when she saved several shots in succession from Mrs. Bliss and Miss F. Wong. Though their attack only revealed combination now and then, the Recreio defences played a stout game all through.

"Y" LADIES, Caer Clark Cup champions, defeated C.B.S. 4-0 in the final league game. Surviving a hectic spell in the first half, when far more vigour than science was introduced into the proceedings, "Y" Ladies gradually wore the Schoolgirls down to score a deserved victory after the interval. Even their famous defence, which has played so great a part in previous victories, had its panicky moments and might have conceded C.B.S. a couple of goals in the first twenty minutes of the game.

Generally, however, this defence beat the youthful visitors by its stubborn work, where Miss M. McCaw and Mrs. Starbuck, the halves, and Mrs. Strange, at left-back, provided the immovable objects. Miss D. McCaw, who led the attack, was the most dangerous forward on view and completed a good afternoon's work by scoring the "hat trick". Mrs. Gardner, who also scored, was always a source of danger.

The home team seemed to have more endurance, for in the final stages they were constantly attacking. Should St. Andrew's win the remaining fixtures, they will meet the "Y" Ladies in a replay for the championship, and in the opinion of many the latter will have to give of their best to retain the Cup. C.B.S. were a disappointing team in the second half and in the initial period missed at least three easy goals. Their forwards, of whom Miss M. Shann and Miss E. Watson were the pick, had no plan of campaign. They lack a girl of Miss D. McCaw's stamp—one who could construct and instruct, as it were. Miss J. Moss failed in these respects. There was much more stability,



The newly formed Argonauta team who won the Knill Cup in their first appearance of competitive hockey. With them is A.S. Xavier, their coach.

Rugby

WRONG TACTICS BY ENGINEERS LEAD TO DEFEAT BY CLUB "A"

(By "Fly-half")

In ideal rugby conditions except for a slippery ball, Club "A" just managed to defeat the Royal Engineers by 16 points (2 goals and 2 tries) to 11 points (a goal and 2 tries) at the Valley yesterday. Twice the Sappers drew level and but for the closing few minutes had as much of the game as their opponents.

Paul, Navy's brilliant three-quarter, turned out for the Club as a forward packing middle of the back row. K. A. Watson, hooking for Club, obtained a greater share of the ball for his side in the set scrums. The Club backs did not handle the difficult ball at all well and their movements never went far.

Taylor, playing at inside-three, was poor in attack and was guilty of faulty handling and kicking. Midway through the second half, Needham, of the forwards, changed places with Taylor and from then on the Club attacked strongly. Needham heralded his inclusion amongst the three by a 60-yard dash, which almost resulted in a score.

ARTINGSTALL SHINES

White and Artlingstall were dangerous when in possession. The latter showed some wonderful turns of speed plus force. Foley was an active scrum half for the Sappers, although he was mostly called upon in defence or in spoiling tactics. His forwards gave him a very busy time in dealing with pats back from line-out, and it was the use of this dangerous movement that let to the Club's victory. There is very little else an opposing team can do to counteract pating back by the other side than breaking through after the ball immediately it is struck back, and this the Club players did to almost perfection. The Royal Engineers should have realised that a slippery ball made pating back much more dangerous than usual.

Club forwards, well led by Kennedy, were superior to the military eight. B. Hynes, Macrae, Beattie and Paul were prominent. Morgan, Laville, D. Hynes and Beattie scored tries for the Club. Wetherston, Artlingstall and Birrell scored tries for the Royal Engineers, the second one being converted by Birrell.

however, in the rear lines. Though they found the opposition too strong, Miss S. Rousseau, Miss P. Kirby and Miss J. Kew showed a resolute defence in the first half. Miss B. Goodwin, at full-back, was very active in her tackling and clearance shots. Nevertheless, a keen and hard-fought game was witnessed.

THE following are the positions of the various teams in the Hongkong Hockey Association Tournament:

	P.W.D.	L.	T.	Pts.
Radio & P.S.C.	5	4	0	14
C.B.A.	5	0	0	12
Royal Engineers	3	4	1	12
Recreio	7	2	3	10
Nomads	5	2	3	10
K.I.T.C.	5	1	3	14
Police	4	1	2	14
University	4	1	3	11
Royal Signals	0	5	1	4
R.A.O.C.	2	0	2	0

Leading Goal Scorers are: Sgt. Homburg, R.E. (13); S. A. Fowler, C.B.A. (11); G. Singh, Radio, (8).

East Asia Athletic Meet In Tokyo

Manila, Feb. 20 (Domei).—The Philippine Athletic Federation is preparing to send 56 athletes to Japan to participate in the East Asia Athletic Meet in Tokyo in June. It was announced here to-day.

The Tokyo meet forms part of the Japanese athletic programme designed to celebrate the 2,600th anniversary of the Japanese Empire.

The Filipino athletes will include a basketball team, swimmers, boxers and track and field players.

Boxing

Louis-Paycheck Fight Advanced

NEW YORK Feb. 22 (UP).—Mike Jacobs has announced that the match between Joe Louis and Paycheck for the heavyweight title will now take place on March 29 instead of April 3, when the Garcia-Overlin bout for the middleweight championship will be held.

The switching of dates is for the purpose of giving Garcia more time after his fight with Armstrong on March 1.

GALENTO TO MEET BAER

Mike Jacobs also announced that Tony Galento will fight Max Baer in New Jersey in late May for the right to meet Louis "or whoever is champion in July."

Jacobs has already promised Leo Savold a chance for the title if he beat Bob Pastor impressively.

Badminton

Recreio Beat Kowloon C.C.

Playing in the "B" Division of the Badminton League last night, Club de Recreio defeated Kowloon C.C., 8-1. St. John's beat St. Teresa's, 6-3, and Kowloon Tong lost to V.R.C., 4-5.

RECREIO V. KOWLOON C.C.

R. A. Marques and H. Gonsalves (Recreio) beat P. Wynter-Blyth and A. L. Fisher 21-6; beat C. C. Kovina and T. A. Madar 21-5; beat A. Zimmern and H. S. Jones 21-5.

A. E. Xavier and H. A. Barros (Recreio) lost to Wynter-Blyth and Fisher 16-21; beat Kevin and Madar 21-9; beat Zimmern and Jones 21-9.

ST. JOHN'S V. ST. TERESA'S

John Chow and S. Chong (St. Teresa's) lost to H. Eardley and R. Beaven 12-21; lost to David Kwok and Frank H. Kwok 8-21; beat N. L. Smith and R. Maynard 21-15.

Austin Ho and H. S. Wan (St. Teresa's) lost to Eardley and Beaven 9-21; lost to Kwok and Kwok 7-21; lost to Smith and Maynard 22-24. Peter Lo and J. Tsang (St. Teresa's) beat Eardley and Beaven 21-17; lost to Kwok and Kwok 7-21; beat Smith and Maynard 21-10.

COLONY CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP

Leaders To Meet This Evening

Four matches which might well decide the Colony Chess Championship are down to be played this evening. K. Weiss, the leader, will meet his closest rival, E. Zimmern at the Gloucester Hotel, where Sir Henry Pollock will also play D. E. de Carvalho.

At the Peninsula Hotel, K. M. A. Barnett will play B. S. Litvin, and A. Kurrik will meet L. Blair.

As a result of his win over Barnett on Tuesday, Zimmern has moved up to second place, and is now the only remaining player who has not been beaten.

Following is the table:

	P.	W.	D.	L.	Pts.
K. Weiss	5	4	0	1	4
E. Zimmern	3	3	0	3	3
B. S. Litvin	4	3	0	3	3
Sir H. Pollock	5	2	1	2 1/2	2 1/2
K. M. A. Barnett	2	2	0	1	2
D. E. de Carvalho	3	2	0	1	2
L. Blair	3	1	0	2	1
A. Birlikoff	5	1	0	4	1
A. Kurrik	3	0	1	2 1/2	1 1/2
V. V. Kolatchoff	4	0	0	4	0

Buying The Same Tickets

The habit of some persons in buying the same block of through tickets year after year at annual race meetings does not, on the average, seem worth while. If the records for the past five years can be taken as a criterion.

As an example, take the Numbers 1-10, which, it is understood, have been held by the same person for years. Against the \$3,000 which he paid during the past five years, he made, during the same period, \$2,545.00—\$254.00 in 1935, \$1,404.00 in 1936, nothing in 1937 and 1938, \$100 in 1939 and \$741.00 so far at this meeting.

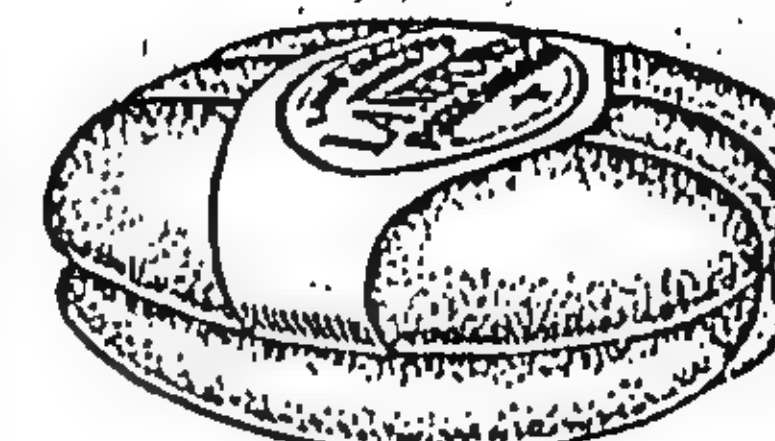
Admittedly, there are some who had all the luck as instances the holder of through ticket No. 1103 at this meeting, which came out twice on the fourth day, winning first and second prizes.

A.P.C. WIN STUBBS SHIELD FINAL

The Asiatic Petroleum Co., represented by G. M. Park (5) and R. Young (8), won the Stubbs Shield at Fanning yesterday, beating the Royal Army Medical Corps—Major Harvey (10) and Major Boyce (15)—in the final by one hole.

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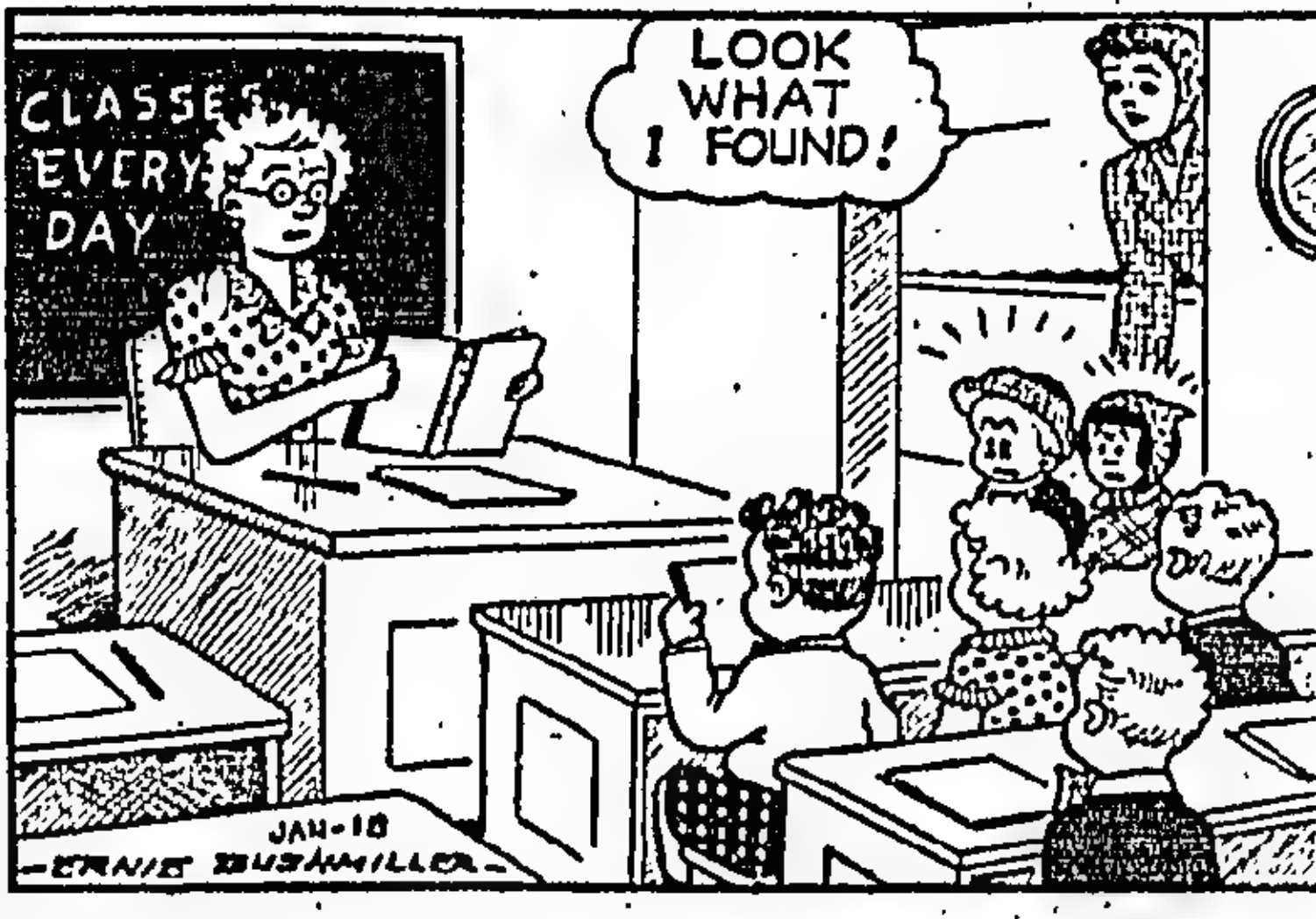
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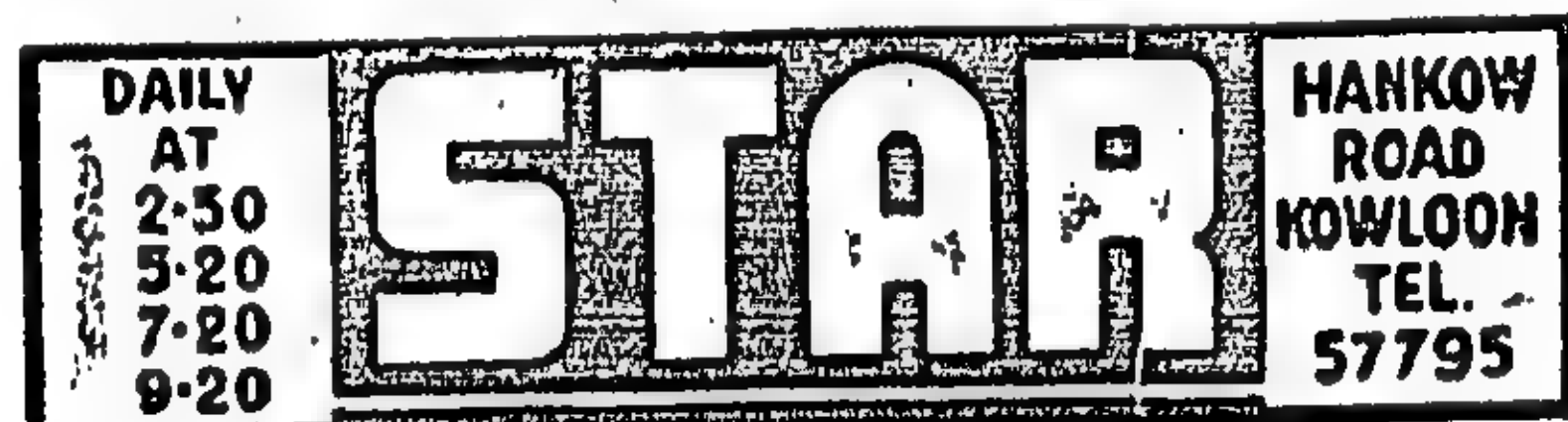
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BRIDE AUCTIONS KISSES

LONDON.—A bride this week had a happy thought for the soldiers after her wedding to Ronald Woodman of Gloucester. Directly the ceremony had taken place she had the bright idea to collect money for the men of the Forces by auctioning her kisses—and even the best man paid up and forfeited his right to a free kiss. Altogether her kisses were worth £1. 2s. 6d., and three darkboards were a little later received by "the boys in khaki."

KING WAS GUEST OF SICK WOMAN

From BERNARD GRAY.

"Daily Mirror" Correspondent with the B.E.F. AS a Frenchwoman who had to billet German invaders in her little village estaminet in the last war, lay ill in bed to-day, downstairs the King's visiting his troops, lunched with the Duke of Gloucester, Lord Gort, B.E.F. Commander-in-Chief, and more generals than she had ever seen.

Her daughter, a buxom woman of over thirty, whose husband is a soldier in the Maginot Line, did the honours.

She had sent to the nearest town for flowers, put the best tablecloths over the beer-stained linoleum on the tables and dug out a party frock she had not worn for months.

And when the King arrived, Madame Jeanne, as she is known, rushed forward and presented a big bunch of red carnations to him. On the wall hung a Cassandre Fund darkboard given by girl packers from Allen and Hambury's at Ware, Herts.

The King smiled at some of the security posters on the walls, particularly one bearing a drawing of a voluptuous girl with the inscription, "A maiden loved, an idle word, a comrade mourned, and Adolf served."

From the moment he left G.H.Q. after rising at seven o'clock this morning to the time when he returned in pitch darkness to-night, after a 100-mile tour of the British sector of the front line, the King was cheered by British and French alike.

Plenty Of Mud

He found plenty of mud. Duck-boards had been laid for him in many places, but long before lunch his field boots were plastered. Several times he stopped his car to talk to soldiers lined up alongside the country roads.

Ruling out the military aspect and the effect of the visit on the troops, I was most impressed by the spirit, shown by the French

peasants and soldiers and the King's response. There were tears in the eyes of one woman who told me her son, had seen King George V when he visited France twenty-five years ago in the first year of the last war.

LATE NEWS

The invasion of Finland, therefore, was a success for Hitler. The expulsion of Russian from the League was an even greater success, as this has to a certain extent clogged diplomatic channels between the Allies and the Soviet.

Slow Red Progress

The slow progress of the Russians in Finland is a third and still more favourable development for the Nazi dictator. General Meretskov had assured the Politbureau that the conquest of Finland would be completed in three weeks. The failure of this plan has revealed the weakness of the much-vaunted Red Army.

The German leaders decided to exploit the situation by telling the Kremlin that their General Staff and their war economists did not know how to use their resources to the best advantage. What they needed was German experts and German organization.

Hitler's New Proposals

Hitler then outlined to Ribbentrop new proposals for Moscow. These concerned the conduct of the war in the Balkans and on the Western Front. The idea was that Russia would not be able to resist German pressure.

A number of Hitler's advisers, who were formerly opposed to his Russian policy, began to come round to his opinion. They assured him that they were now his most ardent supporters. "Thanks to you," they said, "we shall win."

But just as Hitler was about to carry out certain "reprisals" against the Allies to wipe out the humiliation of the Graf Spee, he became aware that the Kremlin was hanging back.

Intimidatory Tactics

Stalin, Molotov, Kalinin, and even Voroshilov decided that they must return to tactics of intimidation and economic political pressure towards neighbouring states. Fresh "military conquests" might only reveal something radically wrong with the Red Army, and thus jeopardise once and for all the general Russian policy, not only towards the Allies but towards Germany as well.

The Politbureau therefore decided to make no more military sacrifices to Berlin.

This is a terrible blow for Hitler, who is obliged once again to abandon attack in the west and resume economic negotiations with Moscow in the same suspicious spirit as before.

The German Foreign Office is pessimistic about these negotiations. Their programme falls into three parts:

1. The old question of supplies for Germany, which have not yet started.

Purchase Of Ships

2. The purchase of ships, particularly the two cruisers Stalin and Molotov, together with the purchase or exchange of submarines and "planes."

3. The sharing of zones of "imperialism" in Scandinavia, Central Europe, the Balkans, and eventually Asia.

Hitler is informed that Stalin prefers intensive economic pressure on Rumania to military action, which would give Germany the chance she so much desires of armed intervention in the Balkans.

Hitler is in the unhappy position of being unable either to attack Stalin, despite the weakness of the Red Army, or to organize that army for his own ends.

Even the satisfaction of using his formidable air weapon is denied him at present, as Goering is definitely opposed to the bombing of British or French civilian populations.

"The German people," says Goering, "will put up with all imaginable privations and repressions, but there is one thing it will not tolerate—being bombed."

"Consequently I am absolutely opposed, till the final phase of the war, to any air raid on Paris and London."

CHINESE CULTURE

A meeting of the Hongkong Branch of the Sino-British Cultural Association will be held in Room 16 at the University of Hongkong on Friday at 8.30 p.m., when Professor Chung-shu Lo, M.A., B.Litt. (Oxon.), Dean of the College of Arts, West China Union University, Chengtu, will deliver a lecture on "Universities as Centres for Cultural Co-operation."

Professor Lo has just arrived in Hongkong from London after an extensive study tour in Europe.

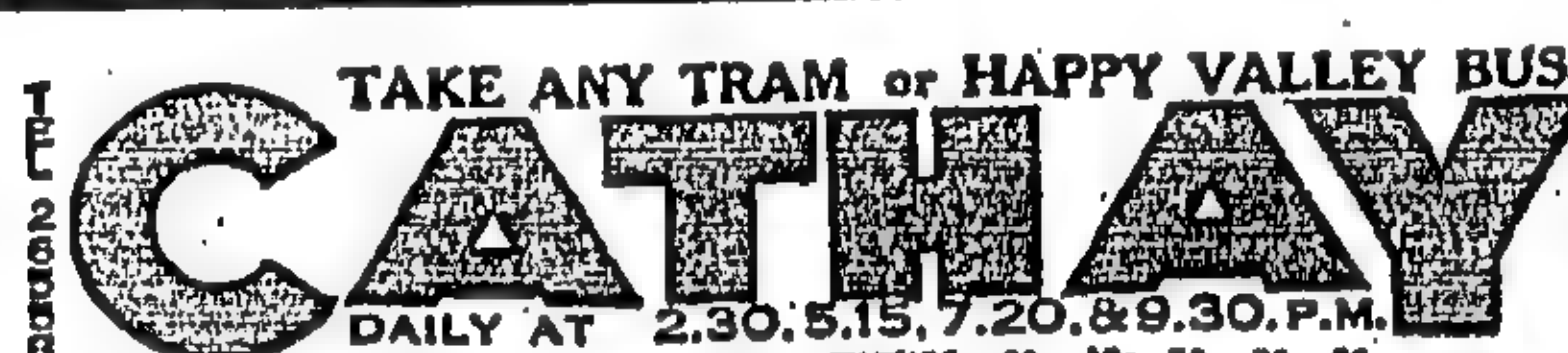
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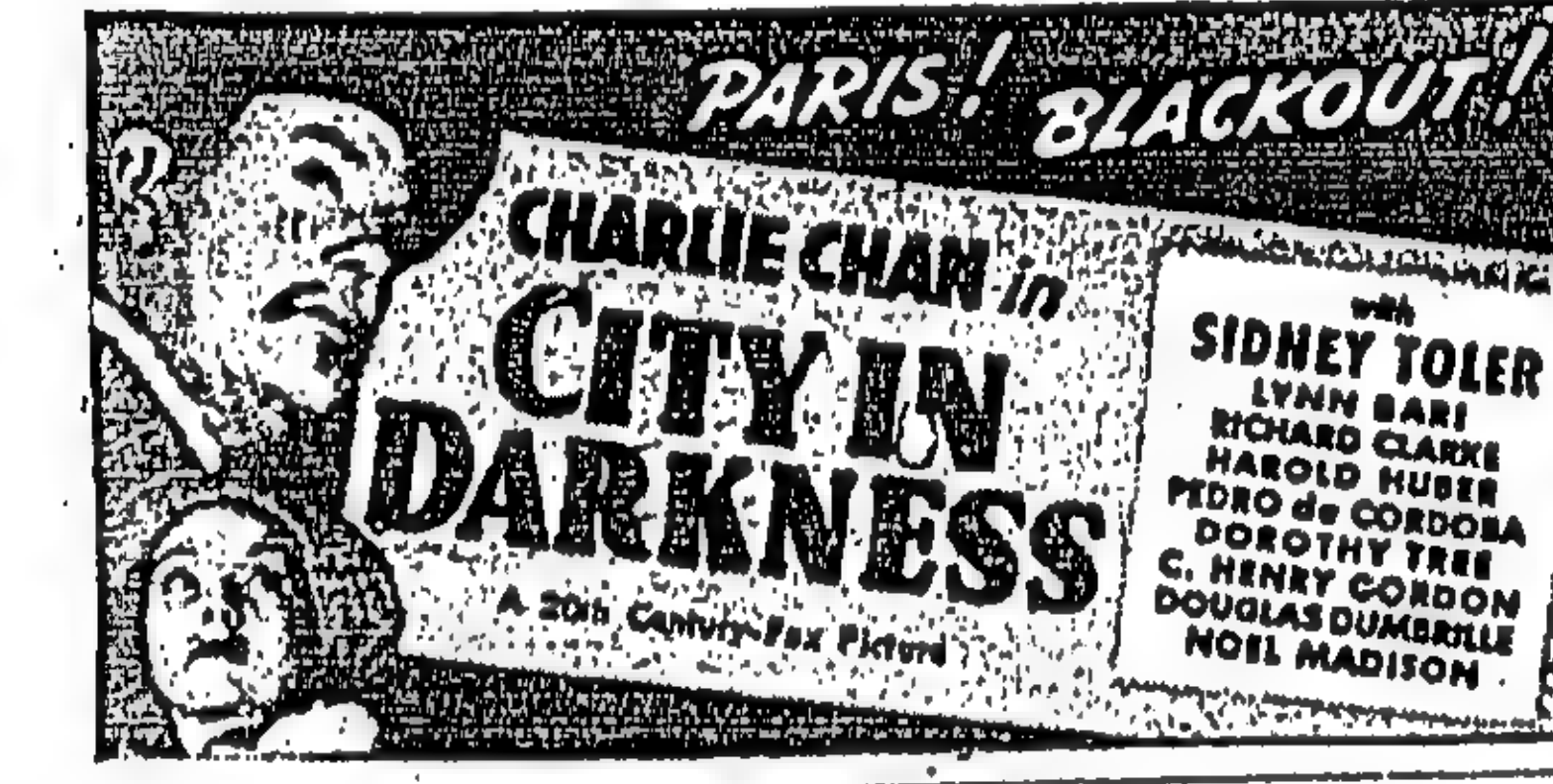
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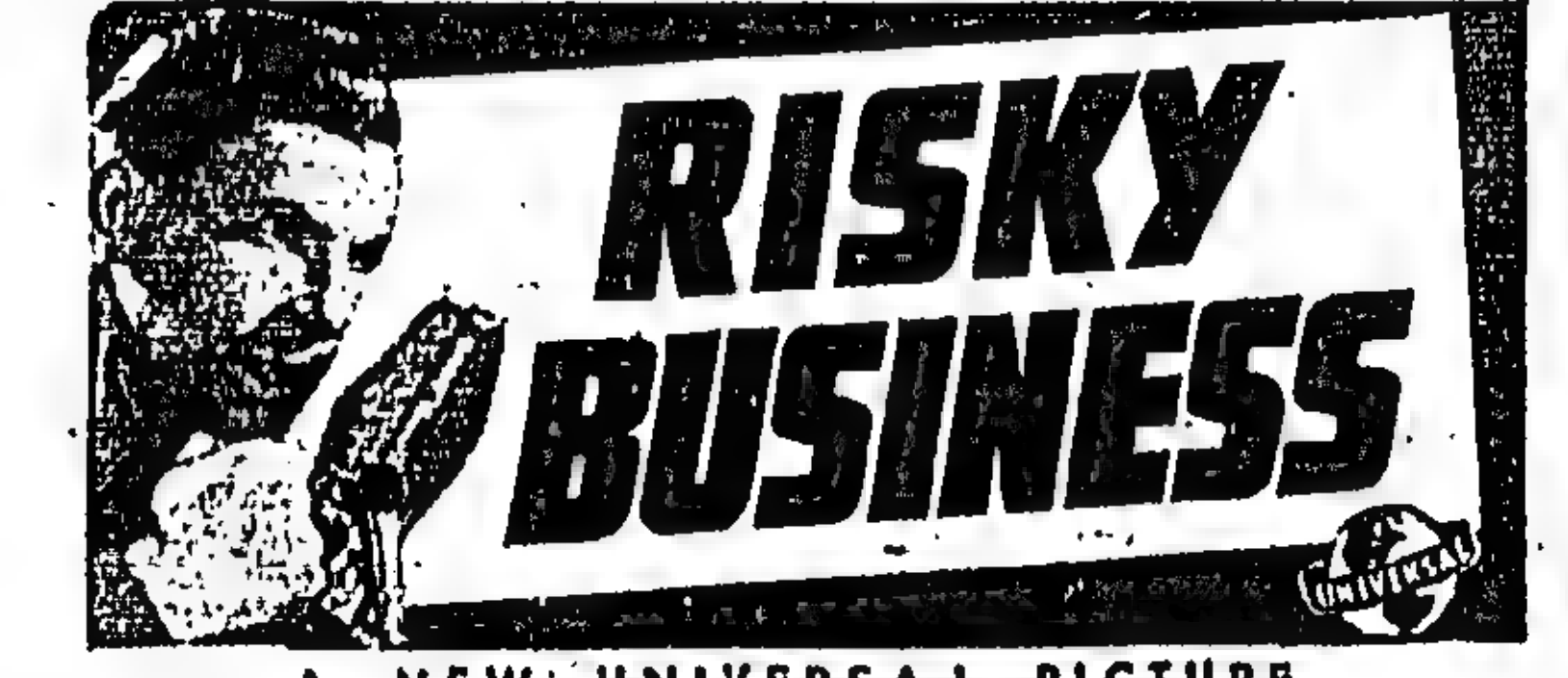
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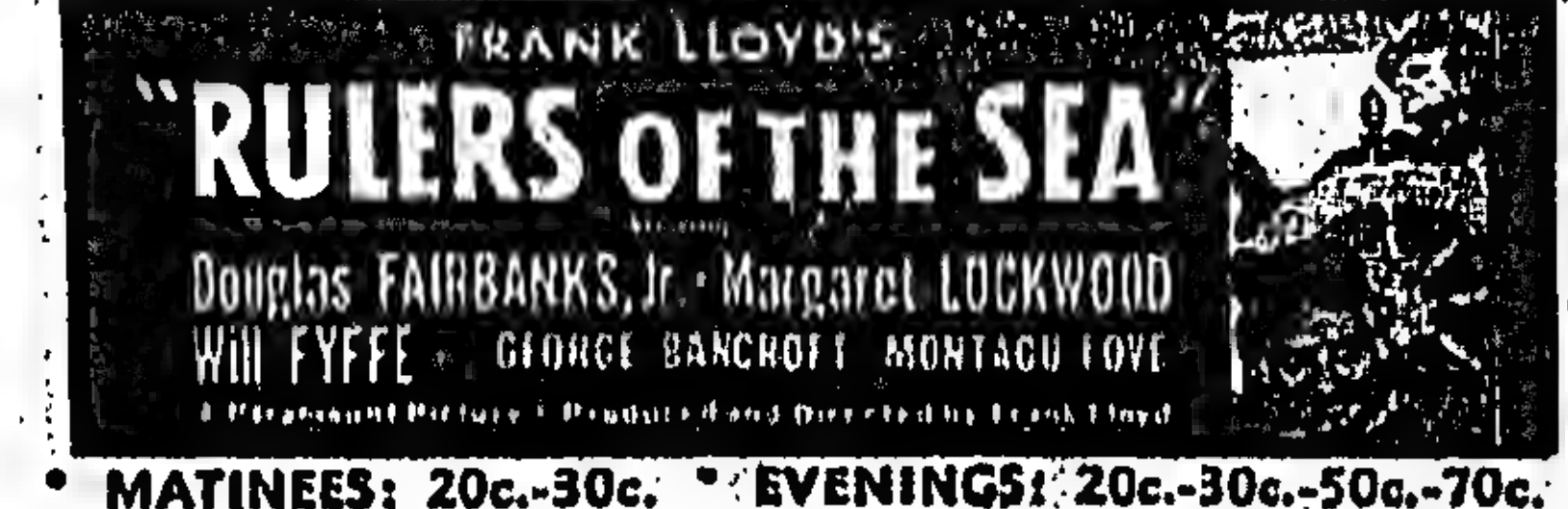
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SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

ROME, FEB. 21 (DOMEI).—ACCORDING TO AN AUTHORITATIVE REPORT THE RUMANIAN GOVERNMENT HAS DECIDED TO PROCLAIM A GENERAL MOBILISATION EARLY NEXT MONTH.

Simultaneous with the proclamation, martial law will be declared in the northern, eastern and southern frontier areas.

INCREASING COMPLICATIONS

It is revealed that these emergency measures have been made necessary as a result of the increasing complications in the Balkan situation, particularly vis-a-vis Rumania.

The situation is expected to become intensified now that the Danube River is beginning to thaw.

The Italian Government is reported to be seriously concerned by the proposed mobilisation.

BEGINNING

ON SATURDAY

The Hongkong Telegraph

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Colonies Big War Effort

Mr. MacDonald Pays
Warm Tribute

LONDON, Feb. 21 (Reuter).—The significance of support freely given to the Mother country in her great war effort by the Colonies was emphasised by Mr. Malcolm MacDonald, broadcasting to-night on Colonial development.

The Secretary of State for the Colonies said that no fact should give us more pride and quiet confidence in the justice of our cause than that the peoples of the Colonies were eager to share with us every hazard and danger of war.

"They are not self-governing. They are still under our rule. They are small communities which might be excused if they shunned the right. It is significant indeed that they, who have experience of us as rulers, recognise us instinctively as the champions of the liberty of small peoples."

Rome Perturbed
Diplomatic circles in Rome point out that the relations between Rumania and Hungary are threatened to reach a crisis point in the not distant future, and cognisance is also taken of the fact that Russia is applying political pressure upon Rumania.

It is believed that Rumania will eventually ask for Italian mediation in Hungarian-Rumanian differences.
Rumania's Oil Board
LONDON, Feb. 21 (British Wire-
less).—It is learnt in informed
London circles that the Rumanian
Minister in London has handed a note to the British Foreign Secretary, containing information asked for by Lord Halifax concerning the functions of the recently-appointed Rumanian Oil Board and the present position of the Rumanian oil supplies to Germany.

The British Government is considering this reply, but no statement as to the impression it made is yet available.
Moscow Recall
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
ISTANBUL, Feb. 21 (Domei).—Signaling the mounting tension in the Balkans, the Soviet Government has ordered several hundred Russian engineers employed in various industries in Turkey to return home immediately. It is authoritatively revealed.

Rumania To Proclaim
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
BUCHAREST, Feb. 21 (Domei).—Rumania will be placed under full wartime conditions with the proclamation of the general mobilisation order on March 1, authoritative sources revealed.

The emergency measures are understood to have been necessitated by the allegedly increasing pressure being brought to bear upon Rumania by the Soviet Union from the east and by Hungary from the north.

Reds Show Hand
LONDON, Feb. 22 (Reuter).—The "Daily Telegraph" political correspondent says that it is learned that Russia has now begun to show her hand in the Middle East.

Unconfirmed rumours tell of a move towards the Caucasus designed, it is said, as a diversion from her Finnish campaign.

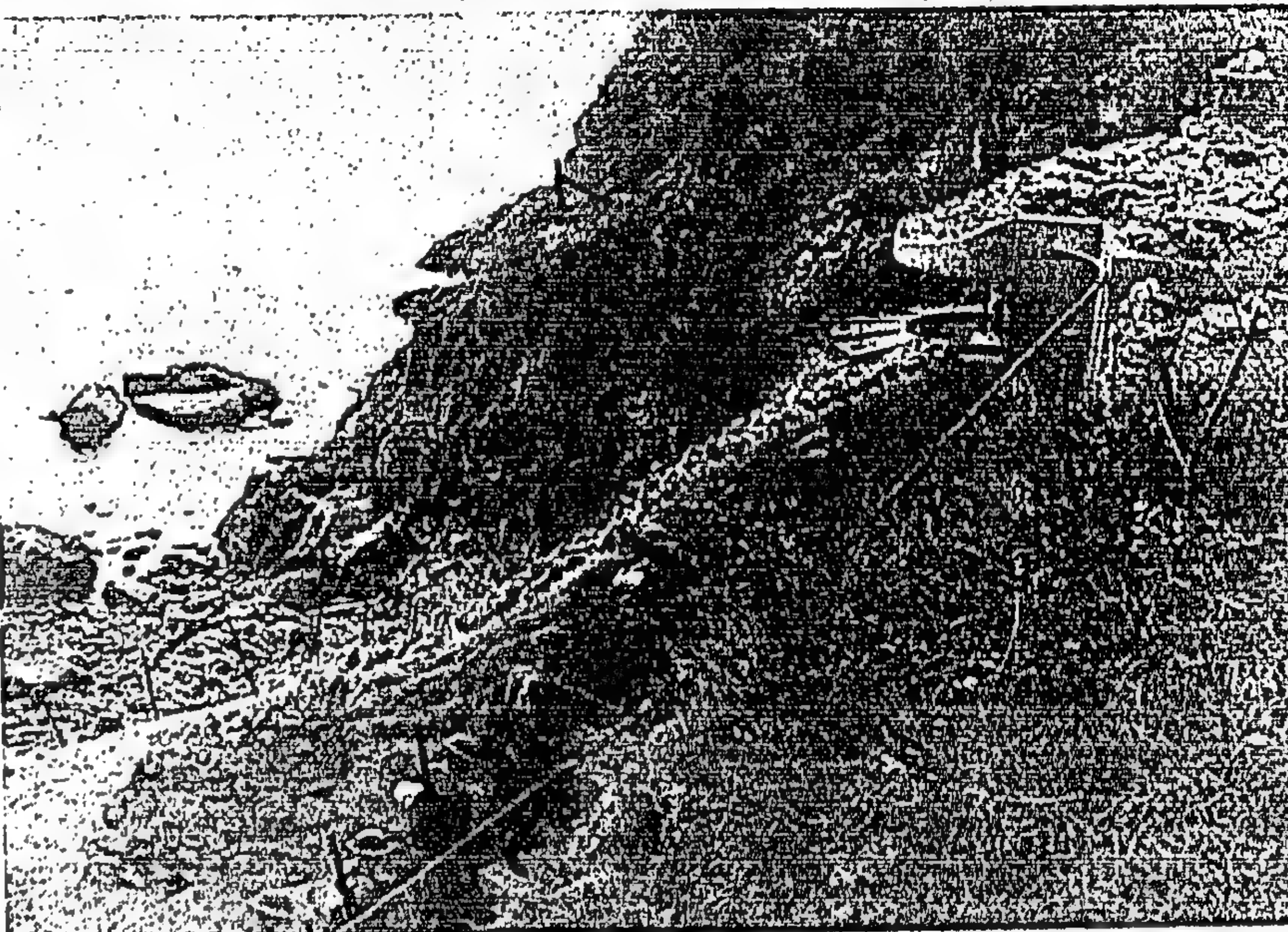
Turkey and the Allies have been watching these moves closely.
Anti-Turkish feeling is reported to have been worked up recently in Russia and a Press campaign against Iran has broken out.

Diplomatic circles are asking whether this indicates a move against the Iran oil wells.
The correspondent adds that Turkey is well-prepared for any eventuality and has no fears of the consequences of Soviet propaganda against herself. It is well-known that the Turkish military authorities are in closest touch with General Maxime Wey-

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HONGKONG PREPARES:

Below we publish further photographs of a new series, specially taken by Norman Soong, of Hongkong's defence preparations. These photographs will appear daily in the "Telegraph".



ONE OF the many pill-boxes that dot the rocky coast of the Island. A section of machine-gunners is going to its post.

REMEMBER
ENEMY
ALWAYS TRYING
WHAT HAPPENS
THIS POST.



PLACARD FOUND in all posts in the Colony reads: "Remember that the enemy is always trying to find out what happens at this post."

European Child Falls Sixty Feet To Death

TOMMY, six-year-old son of Sergt. and Mrs. Ient, of the Royal Signals, crashed sixty feet to his death yesterday when he overbalanced from the roof of his home at 5, Gap Road, Happy Valley.

No-one appears to have witnessed the accident. When the body was discovered on the concrete pavement below by neighbours, the child was still alive but unconscious.
He died before the ambulance arrived.

Besides the body was a toy pistol, with which Tommy had been "playing soldiers."

Mrs. Ient is prostrate with grief. The report of the incident to the police was made by her husband, who was on duty when the accident occurred.

The home occupied by Sergt. and Mrs. Ient is on the ground floor of a 4-story building, which overlooks the race-course.
A large number of military families live in the vicinity and Tommy was a popular playmate with their children.

156 Lost Aboard Hongkong Destroyer

Complete Casualty List
Of H.M.S. Daring

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
LONDON, Feb. 21 (UP).—The Admiralty has announced that the total casualties aboard the destroyer Daring amounted to 156.

The list under Missing, Believed to be Drowned, includes the names of nine officers, among whom is Commander S. A. Cooper, 145 personnel and two members of the staff of the Navy, Army and Air Force Institute.

The names of Officers listed in addition to Commander Cooper are:—Midshipman J. L. Coleman, Gunner Officer W. H. Easton, Surgeon Lieutenant G. J. Kearney, Sub-Lieut. L. G. M. Potts, Midshipman A. V. Puntirey, and Lieutenants P. L. Roberts, P. C. Gordon and W. J. K. Shesby.

The casualty list of Ratings who are missing, believed to be drowned includes:—F. W. Amor, G. W. Armstrong, F. B. Ashfield.
D. J. Barry, D. P. Beaman, A. E. Bellis, A. H. Bendon, Reginald Berry.

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LATEST

Rumanian Snub For Germany

BUCHAREST, Feb. 21 (Domei).—Germany will be obliged to take a momentous decision in the Balkans as a result of the Rumanian Government's decision to cancel all arrangements with Germany regarding the supply of petroleum and gasoline.

It is authoritatively revealed that the Rumanian Government has decided to ban the shipment of crude oil and gasoline for aircraft use from Rumania to Germany, despite the recent conclusion of elaborate contracts with the German economic mission headed by Dr. Credner.

Informed quarters understand that Britain and France brought pressure to bear upon Rumania. Rumanian officials, however, aver that the steps have been taken to conserve fuel in preparation for emergency.
Qualified observers express the belief that Germany will be obliged to determine her final attitude against the Balkans including Rumania and other neutral countries according to the possible outcome of the forthcoming negotiations.

Blizzards Halt Russian Offensives

WEATHER MAY SAVE BIG FINNISH CITY

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

HELSINGFORS, Feb. 22 (UP).—The weather is coming to Finland's aid at the most critical moment in the 2½ months of hostilities with Russia.

Heavy blizzards are screaming through the Karelian Isthmus, bringing a return of the Arctic conditions that reigned until last week.

Many military observers believe that the Russians may be forced to postpone their offensive if the blizzards continue, thus enabling the Finns to consolidate their new lines.

Reds Advance

DECISIVE BATTLE IMMINENT?

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

MOSCOW, Feb. 21, (UP).—The most important battle of the Russo-Finnish war is believed to be imminent in the Viborg sector.

The Russians are reported to be mopping up the Finnish left flank and advancing in two columns on a steadily narrowing salient.

The latest reports state they have taken up positions at Sommo and Sanjio—six and four miles respectively south of Viborg.

Success By Friday

Russian war correspondents to-day hinted at the Soviets' confidence of success on or before the Red Army anniversary on Friday.

"Tass" the official Soviet news agency, states that the Red Army has made itself familiar with the terrain and fighting conditions.

The Soviet press to-day gave great prominence to a "Tass" dispatch saying that the Red Army has now decided to break the Mannerheim Line—a drive that presages the end of the Finnish war."

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The Red Army apparently launched a new attack in the Summa area yesterday, but it is not yet evident what effect the subsequent storms have had on their operations.

The official Finnish communiqué claims that all Russian attacks have been halted.

175 Defences Fall

The official Red Army communiqué, issued in Leningrad, reiterates the claim that the Russians are in possession of the Kolviisto fortifications. The communiqué adds that the Red Army has captured 175 defensive positions, including 37 iron and concrete forts, during the past 72 hours.

It claims that 16 Finnish planes were brought down yesterday.

Russian air raids on Finland continued yesterday on an intensive scale.

Ivalo and Povaleni, two towns near the Norwegian border, were heavily bombed yesterday.

Heavy Snow Aids Finns

HELSINGFORS, Feb. 22 (Reuter).—Heavy snow is now falling over the Isthmus, holding up operations and bringing a well-earned respite to the Finnish forces manning the Mannerheim Line.

Finnish headquarters meantime discredited reports which have been circulated, announcing the capture by the Russians of Kolviisto fortress which controls the Gulf of Finland, 12 miles from Viipuri.

It is asserted that none of the Finnish second line positions, to which they retreated last week, has been penetrated by the Soviets, and that

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NAZI BATTLESHIP IN SOUTH ATLANTIC

MONTEVIDEO, Feb. 21 (Reuter).—A Nazi pocket battleship, either the Deutschland or the Admiral Scheer, is now in the South Atlantic, waiting to attack merchant ships and avenge the Graf Spee, according to the newspaper, "El Pueblo," which quotes an "authoritative source."

The newspaper assumes that the German cargo-boat, Lahn, which recently loaded coal and left ostensibly for Buenos Aires will act as supply ship for the pocket battleship.

To Run British Blockade

NEW YORK, Feb. 21 (Reuter).—The German 14,000-ton freighter Antonio Delano, is ready to sail.

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FLOWER BULBS of gladioli and begonias. Just received from Holland and for sale at Grace Co., No. 10, Wyndham Street, Hongkong. Established 1896.

"HONGKONG AS REVEALED BY THE CAMERA" Second Edition. Over 60 excellent views of the Colony. Price \$1.50. Obtainable at Kelly & Walsh, Ltd., Hongkong Travel Bureau or from the Publishers, South China Morning Post, Ltd., Wyndham Street.

G. R.

PARTICULARS & CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Monday, the 26th day of February, 1940, at 3 p.m., at the Office of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at To Kwa Wan, in the Colony of Hong Kong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the KING, for one further term of 75 years.

Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant) will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, (\$200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Purchase price.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents in sq. feet	Area in sq. feet	Upset Price
1	No. 4231	Between To Kwa Wan Road, and Ha Hong Road, South West of Kowloon Inland Lot No. 4182	N 132 feet S 132 feet E 132 feet W 132 feet	As per sale plan.	About 20,500	\$19,875

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Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant) will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, (\$200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Purchase price.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents in sq. feet	Area in sq. feet	Upset Price
2	No. 431	Between To Kwa Wan Road, and Ha Hong Road, South West of Kowloon Inland Lot No. 4182	N 132 feet S 132 feet E 132 feet W 132 feet	As per sale plan.	About 20,500	\$19,875

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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC CO., LTD.

Notice is hereby given that the Fifty-first Ordinary Yearly Meeting will be held at the Company's Registered Office, 4th Floor, P. & O. Building, on Thursday, 21st March, 1940, at 11 a.m. for the purpose of presenting the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1939, electing Directors and Auditors and fixing their fees.

The Register of Members of the Company will be closed from 9th March to 21st March, 1940, both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By order of the Board of Directors.
GIBB, LIVINGSTON, & CO., LTD.
Agents.
Hongkong, 22nd February, 1940.

THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC CO., LTD.

NOTICE is hereby given that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company will be held in the P. & O. Building, Victoria, in the Colony of Hong Kong, at 11.15 o'clock in the forenoon on Thursday, the 21st day of March, 1940, or as soon thereafter as the Ordinary Yearly Meeting of the Company shall have terminated, for the purpose of considering and if thought fit passing the following resolution as a special resolution:

"That the Capital of the Company be increased from its present Capital of \$6,000,000 Hong Kong currency divided into 600,000 shares of \$10 each to \$18,000,000 Hong Kong currency divided into 1,800,000 shares of \$10 each and that such additional shares shall rank in all respects pari passu with the original Capital of the Company."

And for the purpose of considering and if thought fit passing the following resolutions, namely:

"1. That the Directors be and they are hereby authorised to capitalise the sum of \$3,000,000 Hong Kong currency part of the undivided profits of the Company standing to the credit of the Company's Reserve Fund and to allot to the Members holding shares of the Company as on the 1st day of July, 1940, in respect of the net amount capitalised fully paid shares of the Company of equivalent nominal value in the proportion of one share for every two shares of the Company then held by such persons respectively and that such shares so allotted shall rank for dividends as from the 1st day of July, 1940.

"2. That if, on such distribution as aforesaid, any person would be entitled to a fractional share the Directors shall, in lieu of issuing fractional certificates, cause the whole share to be allotted to a person or persons to be named by the Directors and such share shall, at such time as the Directors think fit, be sold and the proceeds distributed amongst the persons entitled to the fractional shares making up such share."

By order of the Board of Directors.
GIBB, LIVINGSTON, & CO., LTD.
Agents.
Hong Kong, 22nd February, 1940.

HONGKONG CRICKET CLUB

TENNIS TOURNAMENT 1940

Entries close on Saturday, 24th February, 1940, at 6 p.m.

Commissions For H.K. Residents

Six Hongkong civilians have been granted emergency commissions with the Royal Artillery in the Colony for the duration of the war. They are E. A. Bompas, M. S. Tanner, E. L. Taverner of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank staff here, E. W. Moon of the Peninsula and Oriental S.N. Co., W. J. Roberts of the Asiatic Petroleum Company and C. Champkin formerly Chief A.R.P. warden.

MORE CANADIANS FOR EUROPE

OTTAWA, Feb. 22 (Reuter).—It is officially announced that a second Canadian division is going overseas before long.

Chosen to "Ferry" Planes for the R.A.F.



MISS MONA FRIEDLANDER



Mrs. W. Crossley



Miss E. Ross



Mrs. G. Patterson



Miss J. Hughes

Here are the photographs of five of the eight women pilots who have been selected to "ferry" the light type of R.A.F. training aircraft from factory to aerodrome. They have all had many years' flying experience, and will be attached to the women's section of the Air Transport Auxiliary under the command of Miss Pauline Gower.

H.K. Stock Market

The following quotations were issued on the Hongkong Stock Market this morning.

BANKS	
H.K. Banks, \$ C.D.	1,435 b.
H.K. Banks (Lon. Reg.)	£
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Chartered	8 1/2 n.
Mercantile, A. & B.	31 n.
Mercantile, C. & L.	12 1/2 n.
East Asia	78 n.
INSURANCES	
Canton	215 b.
Union	480 c.
China Underwriter	1 s.
H.K. Fire	182 b.
SHIPPING	
Douglases	100 b.
Steamboats	10 1/2 n.
Indo-China	100 n.
Indo-China D.S.	80 n.
Shell (Bourers)	78 1/2 n.
Waterboats	7 1/2 n.
DOCKS ETC.	
Wharves	102 n.
Docks	22 1/2 n.
Providents	4.00 b.
Sh. Docks Sh.	34 1/2 n.
MINING	
Kailan s/-	18/- n.
Rauts	10 n.
Venz. Gold	4 n.
H.K. Mines	3 1/2 cts. n.
LANDS	
Hotels	5.05 n.
Lands	100 n.
Labrador	100 n.
Shai Lands Sh.	18.00 n.
Humphreys	7.70 b.
H.K. Realities	4 1/2 n.
Chinese Estates	101 n.
UTILITIES	
Trams	17.55 b.
Peak Trams (old)	8 n.
Peak Trams (new)	4 n.
Star Ferries	0.4 b.
Y. Ferries	25 b.
China Lights (old)	7.00 b.
China Lights (new)	5.05 n.
H.K. Electric	5.74 b.
Macao Electric	20 b.
Sandakan Lights	11.14 b.
Telephones (old)	26.00 b.
Telephones (new)	26.00 b.
Tractions	19.6 n.
Tractions (Prof. s/-)	19.0 n.
INDUSTRIALS	
Cald. Macg. (Ord.)	Sh. \$ 14.90 n.
Cald. Macg. (Pref.)	Sh. \$ 12 n.
Canton Ice	1 n.
Cement	19.25 n.
H.K. Ropes	5.55 n.
STORES	
Dairy Farms (old)	22 1/2 s/-
Dairy Farms (new)	21.40 s/-
Watsons	9.00 s/-
Lane, Crawford	7 1/2 n.
Sincere	1.80 n.
Wing On (H.K.)	41 n.
Powell, Ltd.	1 n.
COTTON MILLS	
Ewo Sh.	37 1/2 n.
Shai Cotton Sh.	170 n.
Zoong Sing Sh.	44 n.
Wing On Textiles, Sh.	46 1/2 n.
MISC.	
H.K. Entertainments	7 1/4 b.
Constructions (old)	1 1/4 n.
Constructions (new)	1 1/4 n.
Vibro Piling	8 1/4 n.
Ch. Govt. 6% 1925	50 1/2 n.
G. Bonds	100 1/2 n.
H.K. Govt. 4% Loan	100 1/2 n.
H.K. Govt. 3 1/2% Loan	95 1/2 n.
Marsmans (Lon.) s/-	14 1/2 n.
Marsmans (H.K.) s/-	4 1/2 n.

POST OFFICE

Small Packet Post to all countries is suspended.

OUTWARD MAIL TIMES

Registered and Parcel Mails are closed 15 minutes earlier than the time given below unless otherwise stated, and where mails are advertised to close at or before 9 a.m. registered and parcel mails are closed at 5 p.m. on the previous day. When mails are advertised to close after 5 p.m., Registered and Parcel mails are closed at 5 p.m.

INWARD MAILS

Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—London date, 14th February.	Feb. 22
Canton	Feb. 22
Calcutta and Straits	Feb. 22
Manila	Feb. 23
U.S.A., Honolulu, and Japan (San Francisco date, 20th Jan.)	Feb. 23
Shanghai	Feb. 24
Canton	Feb. 24
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan, Shanghai and Manila (San Francisco date, 20th Jan.)	Feb. 24
Haiphong, Hanoi and Fort Bayard	Feb. 25
Shanghai	Feb. 25
Straits	Feb. 25
Canton	Feb. 25
Japan	Feb. 25
Manila	Feb. 25
Sandakan	Feb. 25
Shanghai and Amoy	Feb. 25
Amoy	Feb. 25
Haiphong	Feb. 25
Manila	Feb. 25
Sandakan	Feb. 25
Bratislava	Feb. 25
Bangkok and Tientsin	Feb. 27
Europe via Suez and Straits (London date, 15th December 1939)	Feb. 27
Haiphong	Feb. 27
Shanghai	Feb. 27
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco date, 18th Jan.)	Feb. 27
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—London date, 17th February.	Feb. 28
Air Mail by "Air France Direct Service"—Paris date, 21st February.	Feb. 28

OUTWARD MAILS

Thursday, Feb. 22	Time
Amoy	7 p.m.
Shanghai	7.00 p.m.
Bangkok	7.00 p.m.
Friday, Feb. 23	Time
Amoy and Shanghai	10 a.m.
Amoy and Shanghai	2.30 p.m.
Saturday, Feb. 24	Time
Straits	8.30 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa	10.30 a.m.
Parcels only for Tientsin	2.30 p.m.
Air Mail for "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due London 3rd March.	
G.P.O. and K.P.O.	
Reg.	Feb. 24, 5 p.m.
Ord.	Feb. 24, 5.30 p.m.
Haiphong	5.30 p.m.
Sunday, Feb. 25	Time
Formosa, Shanghai and Japan	9 a.m.
Shanghai (Parcels only)	9.00 a.m.
Saigon, Sandakan, Madang, Salamaua, Rabaul and Tulagi	9 a.m.
Monday, Feb. 26	
Canton	7.15 a.m.
Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu, U.S.A., Central and South America via San Francisco—due San Francisco 17th March	
G.P.O. and K.P.O.	
Reg.	Feb. 24, 5 p.m.
Ord.	Feb. 20, 5.45 a.m.
Ord.	Feb. 20, 10.30 a.m.
Haiphong	1 p.m.
Fort Bayard and Hanoi	1.30 p.m.
Bangkok	2.30 p.m.
Canton	7.00 p.m.
Tuesday, Feb. 27	Time
Batavia and Sourabaya	9.30 a.m.
Straits and Calcutta	
Parcels	Feb. 27, 11 a.m.
Ord.	Feb. 27, Noon.
Amoy	2.30 p.m.
Manila, Straits, Ceylon, India, East and South Africa, Egypt and Europe via Naples—due Naples 24th March	
G.P.O. and K.P.O.	
Reg.	Feb. 27, 4.45 p.m.
Ord.	Feb. 27, 3.30 p.m.
Air Mail for "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due London, 6th March	
K.P.O.	
Reg.	Feb. 27, 5 p.m.
Ord.	Feb. 27, 5.30 p.m.
G.P.O.	
Reg.	Feb. 27, 5 p.m.
Ord.	Feb. 27, 7 p.m.

RUMANIA PREPARES FOR MOBILISATION

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gand, the French Commander-in-Chief in the Middle East, and General Sir Archibald Wavell, the British Commander of all our troops—a considerable number—in the Middle East.

Moscow Thinks U.S. Will Enter War

WASHINGTON, Feb. 22 (Reuter).—According to a Moscow radio announcement received here, Russia believes that the impending European tour of Mr. Sumner Welles is a prelude to the entry of the United States into the war. Just before Mr. Welles left, it is learned here, President Roosevelt received word that the German Government is willing to enter on peace negotiations now but is also prepared to intensify the war and reduce Europe to a shambles if the Allies want to go on fighting.

DUTCH FIRE ON FOREIGN PLANES

THE HAGUE, Feb. 21 (Reuter).—Dutch anti-aircraft batteries opened fire on foreign planes of an unknown nationality near Den Helder during the night, it is officially announced, Reuter.

Exchange At A Glance

SELLING	
T.T. London	1/21 1/2
Demand do.	1/21 1/2
T.T. Shanghai	343
T.T. Singapore	52 1/2
T.T. Japan	103 1/2
T.T. India	82 1/2
T.T. Manila	48 1/2
T.T. Batavia	45 1/2
T.T. Bangkok	150 1/2
T.T. Saigon	103 1/2
T.T. France	10.85
T.T. Switzerland	107 1/2
T.T. Australia	1/0 1/2
BUYING	
4 m/s L/C London	1/3 1/4
4 m/s D/P do.	1/3 1/4
4 m/s L/C U.S.A.	25 1/2
4 m/s France	11.40
30 d/s India	8 1/2
U.S. Cross rate in London	4.02 1/2
U.S. Cross rate in N.Y.	3.96 1/2

G. R.

PARTICULARS & CONDITIONS

of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Monday, the 26th day of February, 1940, at 3 p.m., at the Office of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Mount Cameron Road, in the Colony of Hong Kong, for a term of 21 years.

Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant) will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, (\$200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Purchase price.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents in sq. feet	Area in sq. feet	Upset Price
3	No. 4232	Between To Kwa Wan Road, and Ha Hong Road, South West of Kowloon Inland Lot No. 4182	N 132 feet S 132 feet E 132 feet W 132 feet	As per sale plan.	About 20,500	\$19,875

CONSIGNEES' NOTICE.

SERVICES CONTRACTUELS DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES

Belonging Cargo from Marseilles via Saigon.

Consignees are hereby informed that their goods with the exception of Opium, Treasure and Valuables are being landed and stored into the Godowns of the Hongkong Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained immediately after landing. All claims must be sent in to me on or before 1st March, 1940, or they will not be recognized.

Damaged Packages will be examined by the Company's Surveyor Messrs. Goddard and Douglas in the presence of the Consignees at 10 a.m. on Monday 20th February, 1940. Consignees must have a Revenue Officer in attendance when any dutiable goods are examined by the Company's Surveyors.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.

R. OHL.

Agent.

ROSES OF NO MAN'S LAND

LONDON, Feb. 22.—According to a statement appearing in the press today, Germany has ordered 100,000 rose bushes from Holland to plant along the Blotried Line. This announcement apparently appears in a Dutch newspaper.

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A. G. Bevan, Duncan Blair, F. A. Douglas, L. W. Brown, P. N. Byng, J. G. Cameron, J. H. Cameron, P. H. W. Campbell, F. G. Carr, Kenneth Carroll, A. T. G. Champion, G. H. Charles, Albert Clark, J. S. Cleaver, H. H. Clifford, J. C. Cole, Arthur Cooke, E. A. Copperthwaite, William Couling, R. H. Cox, John Coxon, J. J. Deane, J. A. Driver, F. W. Drury, J. P. Dunbar, H. J. Eastman, H. J. Elkins, William English, A. J. L. Evans, S. J. Evans, O. J. Everby, C. E. Fear, Robert Fitton de Finlay, E. W. Food, John Fox, Albert Gaffney, G. E. F. Gale, J. W. Garner, R. C. Garford, John Gilling, V. H. Huggerson, G. W. Harper, Albert Harris, C. E. Harris, Samuel Harrocks, A. E. Hatfield, G. J. Hawkins, Arthur Henley, A. A. Hickmott, R. F. Hill, E. O. Holman, J. G. Holman, J. M. B. Howat, Frederick Holmes, F. W. Jenkins, A. W. Jenkins, E. G. Johncock, T. R. Jones, W. G. Jukes, John Keith, W. G. Kennard, J. F. King, A. D. Lamont, A. H. Lee, L. G. W. Little, C. H. Loader, J. G. B. McGhee, E. C. Miller, William Moon, F. C. Moore, James Morris, T. de R. Mottman, L. A. Murray, Alfred Morrison, William Norris, William Overend, A. E. Page, Fred Palmer, Maurice Parsons, Thomas Penkethman, Henry Pipes, N. J. Ponter, G. H. Potts, Harold Pullin, R. S. Purves, S. B. Rafter, T. H. Ratney, W. G. Ratney, W. T. Ramsden, A. H. Riley, Sydney Robinson, W. S. Rushton, George Sanderson, E. A. Scarle, P. L. Skipp, M. G. Slade, E. H. Slater, E. S. Smith, F. R. B. Smith, T. H. Smith, T. S. Smith, Thomas Steele, R. E. Stennings, F. J. Still, W. G. Stokes, Edward Strangham, B. G. Struggles, F. G. A. Tetherham, D. V. Tanner, Milton Tate, G. M. Taylor, J. S. F. Taylor, H. F. Thatcher, T. A. Tingley, G. R. I. Tompkins, D. G. Trott, A. C. Tume, Charles Turpitt, W. S. T. Vincent, Francis Walsh, F. D. Walter, S. R. Walton, P. L. Ward, W. W. Watson, C. H. Webster, A. E. Wells, Charles White, R. J. F. Whitehead, E. G. Whitehead, G. H. Willis, C. A. Willmot, J. M. Wilson, N. E. Wilson, S. R. Woolston, David Wornald, T. W. Wright.

WEATHER MAY SAVE BIG FINNISH CITY

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reports of the fall of Taipale, on the other extremity of the Mannerheim Line, are equally false.

Division Trapped

Several attacks have been launched at these two critical points, but all have been repulsed. The Russians continue their attempts to relieve the 164th Division, trapped in the Kuhmo sector, but reliable reports indicate that the effort is now in vain as the division has been virtually annihilated. Hundreds who have not fallen to the bullets of Finnish sharpshooters have perished of cold and famine. The Soviet 64th Division is still having a desperate time north of Lake Ladoga. This is the division which was thrown in an attack along the shores of the Lake with the purpose of threatening the rear of the Finnish positions at Taipale. Their lines of communication have been cut and they are suffering severely while retreating in good order. Heavy Destruction Between 500 and 600 Soviet bombers caused heavy destruction in many parts of Finland yesterday, concentrating on the southern sector and on towns and villages behind the Mannerheim Line. Many aircraft of both sides are reported to have been shot

Lovely Mary Haines, a happy wife and devoted mother is a member of New York's wealthy "gossip" set. One day, Sylvia Fowler an ace-meddler, finds that Mary's husband Stephen is "romancing" Crystal Allen, a pretty salesgirl. Then Mary learns of it but for her child's sake, she takes her mother's advice, says nothing to Stephen and goes to Bermuda. On her return she encounters Crystal at a fashion show. They quarrel and Edith, Sylvia's friend, gives the details to a gossip columnist. The publicity breaks and as a result of it and the advice of her poison-tongued friends, Mary quarrels with Stephen and takes a train to Reno.

RENO was a revelation to Mary. She hadn't dreamed that there was so many philosophies on marriage and divorce in existence. Even Lucy, the chamber-maid, had one.

Though a native of Nevada it had never occurred to her to get a divorce from her bullying husband. "Land sakes ma'am," she was won't to say, "I stopped

voice. Well, of all people, Sylvia Fowler. There was a great hullabaloo of reunion, and introductions to the others, then Sylvia settled down to talk.

Could you imagine Howard Fowler kicking her out like that? After all she'd sacrificed. Why, she'd given him her youth, her everything. Never mind, though, the old pinchbelly had paid her plenty.

The Countess smiled blandly. "I've often wondered what it'd be like to have a husband pay me. Sometime I must marry for money."

Miriam glared at her. "I made Howard pay for what he wants. You made him pay for what he doesn't want."

"You filthy little tramp." "Don't start calling names, you Park Avenue punk. I know more dirty words than you do."

For answer Sylvia hauled off and gave her a terrific smack in the eye. The battle royal was on. They pulled each other's hair, they jabbed with their elbows, they kicked and yelled and swore. Mary finally tore Miriam away and Sylvia stood there, gasping for breath. Her clothes were torn, her face tear-stained and she was yelling at the top of her lungs. "I hate you. I hate you all! You too, Mary. You know about this and you've been gloating—gloating!" Her voice rose to a shriek.

"Listen Mrs. Fowler," Lucy yelled, dragging her off, "you got the hy-strikes. Come on."

In the little cabin Mary silently fixed a salad for dinner. Then she heard, Miriam. Talk to me about my lawful husband. Talk to me about security. What does it all come to? Compromise.

Miriam nodded guiltily. "Right. We're a pair of alley-cats."

Mary turned around. "You shouldn't be here Peggy to see it."



New York, Mary called after her. "And when you get back, don't see too much of the girls."

"Oh I won't, Mary. Goodbye. Oh I'm so happy I don't even mind being sick at my stomach now."

Miriam grinned at Mary. "Getting wise aren't you?"

"Sure. Know all the answers." "Then why are you here?"

"I had plenty of advice." She held up her hand. "And there's nothing you can say that I haven't heard, Miriam. Talk to me about my lawful husband. Talk to me about security. What does it all come to? Compromise."

"What the—!" Miriam threw down her cigarette. "A woman's compromised the day she's born." "But you can't compromise with utter defeat. He doesn't want me."

heard her husband's voice. "Stephen."

Miriam whispered, "Make him that speech you just made me."

noddled. "Stephen? Why yes, I'm very cheerful it's no good to hear your voice, Stephen. Why yes, it's scheduled for to-morrow at twelve but—Then she froze. "No—no, I haven't seen the papers. There was a long pause. "Yes, I—I'd rather you told me. No, I'm not bitter, No, no plans at all. Goodbye Stephen. Good-bye."

"He's marrying her?" Miriam asked sharply.

She nodded, stunned. "And I've given him to her. I've handed him right over. This is just what she wanted me to do." Her face twisted. "Oh why did I let it happen. I shouldn't have. I've been a fool." Miriam sighed. "Sure you have. But haven't we all?"

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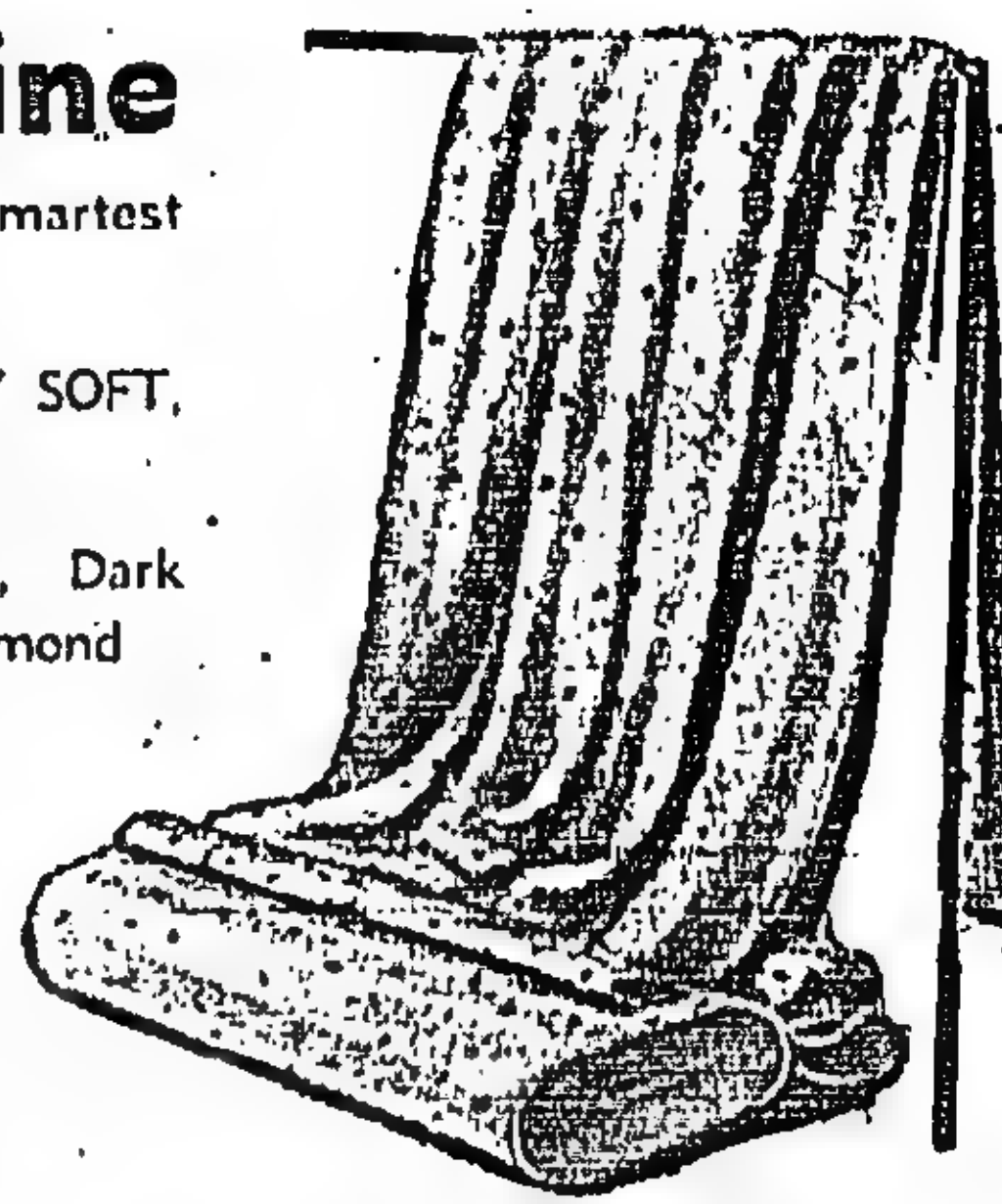
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The Women

thinking about being happy years ago. That settles everything."

As for Miriam and the Countess, Mary had developed a real affection for them.

It was nice chatting about life with Miriam and for sheer amusement, there was nothing funnier than watching the Countess wooing Cowboy Buck and making plans for her fifth marriage.

Unhappily though, Peggy Day had arrived, her second week there. Mary almost cried when she saw her. Young, pretty Peggy, so in love with her husband and going to get a divorce. It was dreadful.

SOME of the days went fast, some slowly. Each morning there was always the hope of a letter from Stephen. But none came. And now, it was the last day. To-morrow her divorce decree would be final.

She was sitting in back of the rickshaw trying to interest herself in a new novel when suddenly she heard a familiar

Sylvia looked at Mary keenly. "Well, you seem to be blossoming. I've always said, Stephen's hardly worth a broken heart."

Mary set her teeth. "The less you have to say about me and Stephen, the better I like it."

THE Countess seemed suddenly engrossed in some clipping that she had taken from a letter.

Then she looked up. "Why Miriam, you sly puss. Listen to this, girls. Miriam Vanities Arnold is being Renovated. Present and future Mrs. Fowler in Reno together. Prominent stock-broker and exhortine to marry."

Sylvia was livid as she turned to Miriam. "Why, you little hypocrite. How much did he settle on you?"

"Only," she went on with sarcasm, "of course you wanted to buy a car and when John said he couldn't afford one and didn't want one with your money you had to have a divorce. Fine reason."

Peggy's chin quivered. "A woman's best protection is a little money of her own."

"A woman's best protection," Mary corrected, "is the right man." She shrugged and said to Miriam, "Obviously, John isn't the right man and Peggy will forget all about him in another month."

This was too much for Peggy. It brought on the deluge and a confession. "Oh Mary I'm going to have a baby," she sobbed. "Oh Mary, what shall I do?"

WHAT Mary did was to get John on the telephone as soon as the operator could put the call through.

A few minutes later, as Peggy, almost delirious with joy, ran up stairs to pack for the next train to

Miriam looked at her. "That isn't it. It's because you're too soft Mary Haines. It happened to me. I lost my man too. It was a long time ago. At least, it seems like it. We didn't have enough dough to get married—and I had ideas. So he got himself another girl and I said goodbye. I was like you."

Mary sat down. "I don't understand."

"Then get a load of this. I should have licked that girl where she licked me—in his arms."

Mary slowly shook her head. "A good argument Miriam, so modern, so simple. But it's too simple my dear. Love battles are for lovers. The things that made Stephen my husband and me his wife were little things—illnesses, worries, the birth of little Mary, making a garden together—things like that. And the fact that up to now, he need me. But he doesn't any more."

THE telephone rang and a thrill went through her as she

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7.0 London Relay—"Address Unknown"—A tragedy of Nazi Germany.

7.30 London Relay—The News. 8.0 Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements. 8.03 Some Welsh Songs.

VOLUNTEERS IN CAMP

The first Artillery camp this year of the Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps commenced yesterday, when members of the 1st Battery, 3rd

8.32 Military Band Music. 8.45 Studio—Talk on "Rumania," 9.05 Chopin—"Les Sylphides" Ballet Music—London Philharmonic Orchestra conducted by Walter Goehr.

9.15 London Relay—News Summary. 9.30 Sydney Torch, Rale Da Costa, Eddie Canbody and Harry Robbins in Variety.

10.0 An hour of Dance Music. 11.0 London Relay—Talk by Malcolm MacDonald, Colonial Secretary, on "Colonial Development."

11.15 Close down.

M.C.L. FLOWER DAY

The amount collected at the annual M.C.L. Flower Day held on Saturday was \$2,498.50. The ladies who were kind enough to sell flowers for the cause were:

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In Kowloon—Mrs. Agnew, Mrs. Austin, Mrs. Brenner, Mrs. Bullock, Mrs. Burford, Mrs. F. Fracken, Mrs. L. Goldman, Mrs. Grant, Mrs. Ingram, Mrs. Trenchard-Davies, and pupils of the Central British School.

The highest amount was collected at Jardines Corner, where Mrs. Robertson realised the large sum of \$129.50.

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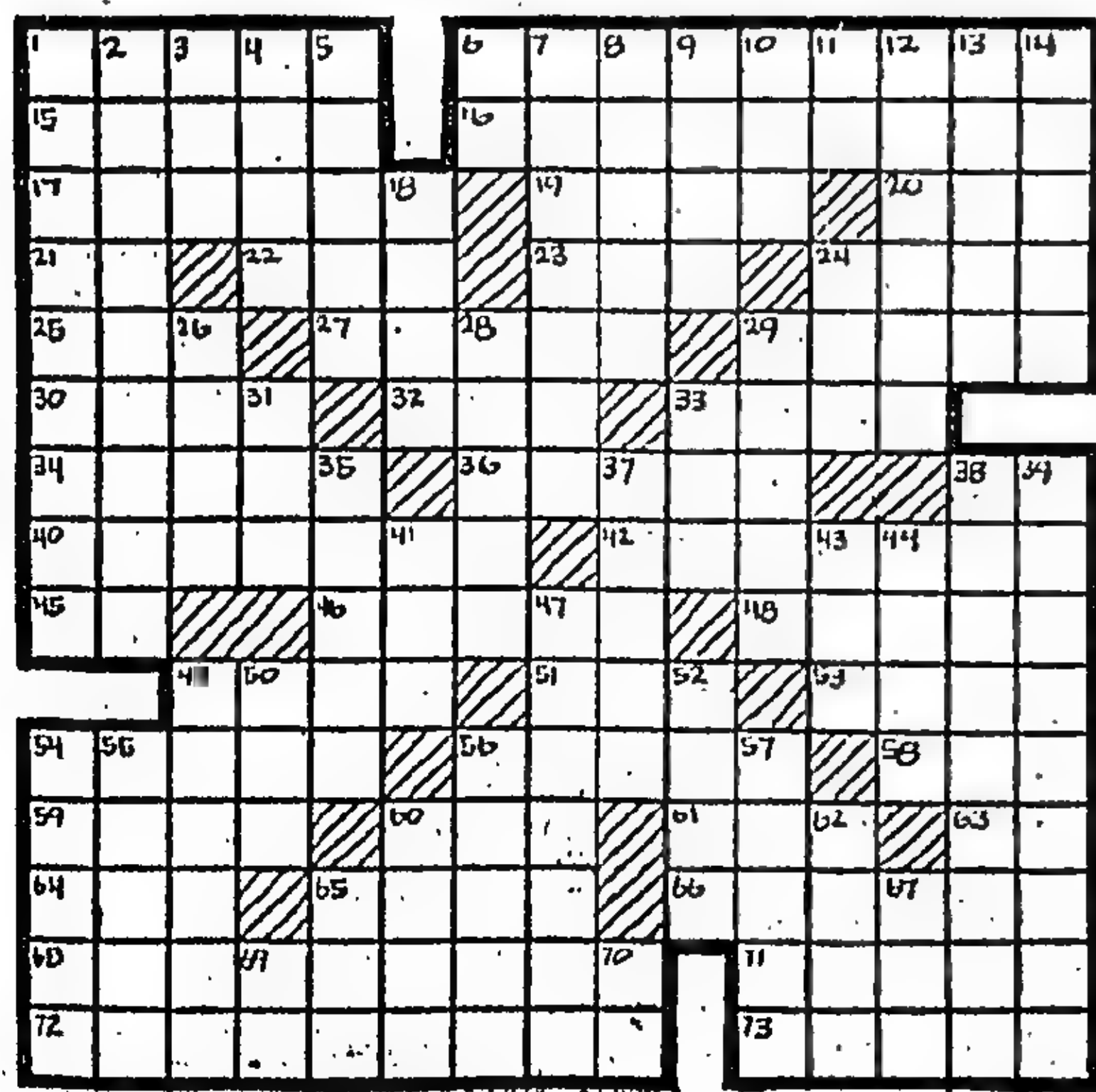
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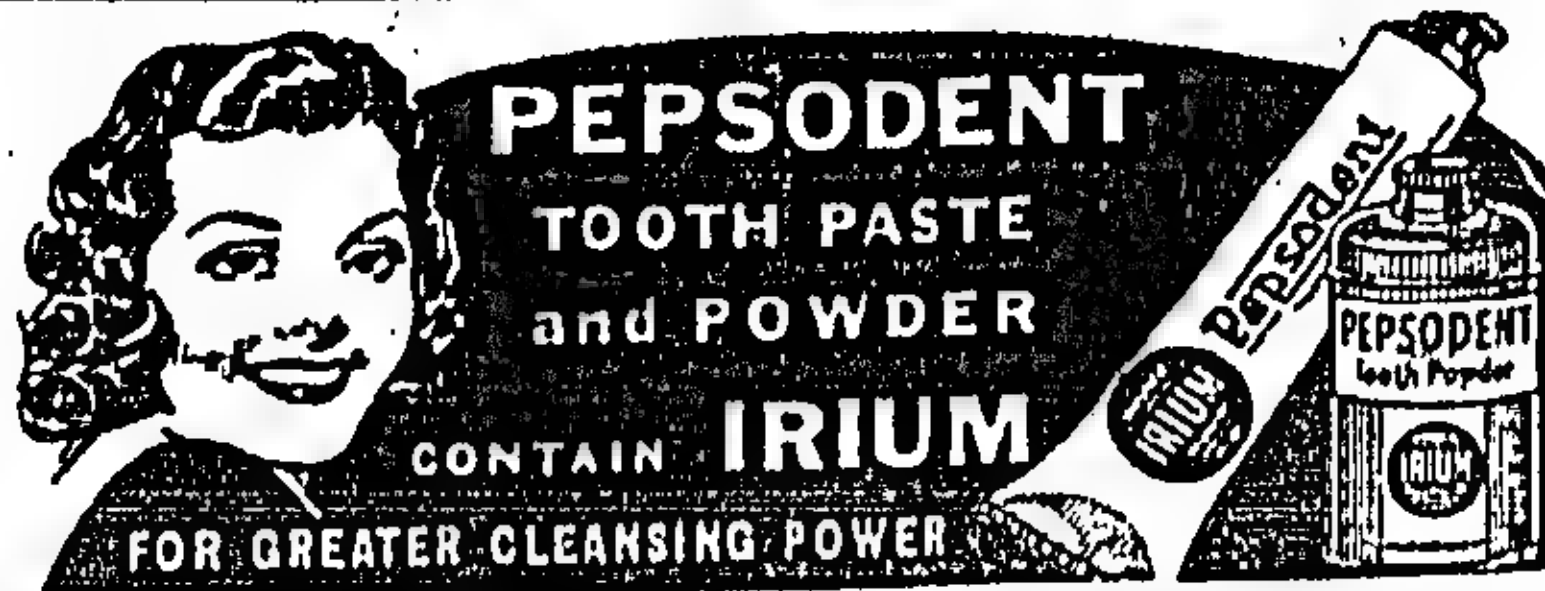
ACROSS

- 1-Dip suddenly
- 2-Punished
- 3-Terrible poems
- 4-Legion
- 5-Half of cattle sold
- 6-Froiled
- 7-Benjamin
- 8-Tidium
- 9-Crimson
- 10-Shake head up and down
- 11-Deep holes
- 12-Blas
- 13-Wooden drinking vessel (Proverbial)
- 14-Timid prince
- 15-Polymerian for denim
- 16-Reptilian rodents
- 17-Take out
- 18-Remains portion of vanished object
- 19-Exclamation about the bush
- 20-Non-professional
- 21-Prep; away from
- 22-Paired
- 23-Libretto bearing
- 24-South African farmer
- 25-Foot-like organ
- 26-Hand mule
- 27-Open spaces
- 28-Kind of hemp
- 29-Kind of yellow
- 30-Belonging to him
- 31-Constellation
- 32-Dial

DOWN

- 1-Deerlike large
- 2-Engaged in practical activity
- 3-Blurred
- 4-Kick left from wound
- 5-Compound ether
- 6-Italian river
- 7-Cover arcaate
- 8-French cuisinier
- 9-Old
- 10-Cover
- 11-Into
- 12-Of ancient
- 13-Italian people
- 14-Fireless (col.)
- 15-Large telescope
- 16-Swath reports
- 17-Friend (col.)
- 18-Mountain top
- 19-Provides with lip
- 20-South American
- 21-Obscure
- 22-Direct coins
- 23-Weight down
- 24-Continent
- 25-Manitowish
- 26-Propelling device
- 27-Phonetic fellow
- 28-Producing free
- 29-Urbi name
- 30-Preceding
- 31-Portly fellow
- 32-Grable combination of acid and alkali
- 33-Aide
- 34-Folds
- 35-Cavity
- 36-Immities
- 37-Oracles
- 38-Motion coat
- 39-United
- 40-Aches (discomfort)
- 41-Buffet; pertains to
- 42-Titanian coin





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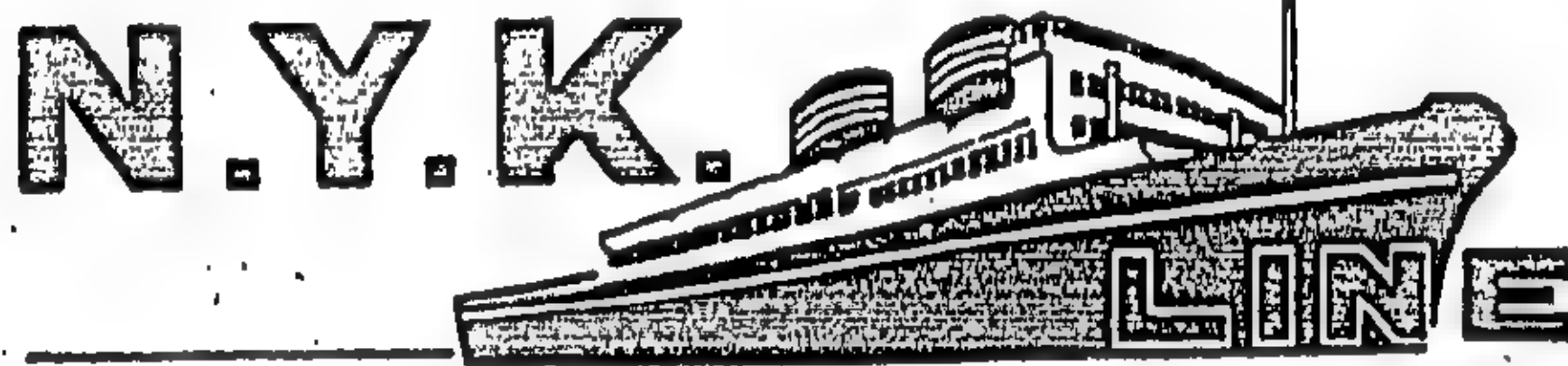
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SWEDEN'S WAR CASUALTIES

228 HAVE PERISHED

Neutrals Suffering
Most In War

STOCKHOLM, Feb. 21 (Reuter).—Since the beginning of the war, Sweden has lost by torpedoing or mines 32 cargo steamers aggregating 64,000 tons, the Swedish Foreign Minister told Parliament today in reply to an interpellation.

He said that 228 Swedish people had perished and 15 were missing.

Seven ships for certain had been sunk by German U-boat, he said, and the tonnage lost by submarine action represented 26.6 of the total tonnage.

One and one-third of the tonnage lost by submarine action was destined for Britain. The rest was bound to neutral countries.

Fifty three per cent. of the tonnage lost was plying between neutral ports.

No Losses In Convoy

The Foreign Minister stated that to their knowledge no Swedish ship had been sunk while in British or French convoy.

He recalled the principles established in the London Agreement of 1939 regarding submarine warfare, and said that contrary to these principles, their ships had been torpedoed, although they had not refused to stop or undergo examination.

He recalled that the maritime warfare was characterized by contraband control by the Western Powers whereby Swedish ships were forced to enter very dangerous "zones," by extensive lists of contraband and by intensive mine and submarine warfare.

Both sides used methods and defended them by arguments that neither one nor the other of the neutral countries could admit.

A Distinction

The Foreign Minister drew a distinction between the reaction of neutral countries to what he described as violations on the open sea. He said that in the former case neutral countries had every right to take every possible measure to oppose violation, but in the latter case direct measures were scarcely possible, owing to the danger of involving neutrals in war.

Measures of indirect pressure against violation depended on circumstances, he said.

Sweden took these possibilities into consideration in trade negotiations with belligerents.

The whole problem would be discussed at a meeting of the Foreign Ministers of the Scandinavian countries at the end of the week, he announced.

Norway Also Suffers

OSLO, Feb. 21 (Reuter).—Norway's losses now amount to 49 ships totaling 103,527 tons, it was announced today.

Altogether 327 Norwegians have been killed.

Believed U-Boat Victim

ST. JEAN DE LUZE, Feb. 21 (Reuter).—The Spanish freighter, *Bandera*, 2,000 tons, which sunk six miles off Cape Villano after an explosion on Monday, is now believed to have been the victim of a German U-boat.

Britain's Coal Shortage

Due To The Abnormal
Wintry Weather

LONDON, Feb. 21 (Reuter).—Making a statement on the coal position, Captain Euan Wallace, Minister of Transport, said that the protracted spell of bad weather, including particularly heavy falls of snow and the prevalence of fog and other wintry conditions at sea—which were the counterpart in Britain of the unprecedented ice-bound conditions which had prevailed throughout Europe—had created an increased demand for coal, while at the same time interfering with transport.

Early Relief Expected

Arrangements had been made to accelerate the movements of coal, and he hoped that the situation in the areas where there had been a shortage would soon be relieved.

Additional supplies of coal to augment the London and South of England supplies were being arranged, and an increase of 70,000 tons per week, involving 143 trains per week, would thus reach the south.

The passage of this coal would necessitate a considerable reduction of passenger service on the main railway lines between Newcastle and London.

Export Subsidy To H.K. INCREASE

NEW YORK, Feb. 21 (Reuter).—The Department of Agriculture has announced that the flour export subsidy on shipments to China and Hongkong has been advanced 15 cents, to \$1.40, per barrel effective today.

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How Britain Is Aiding Finland

Big War Supplies

LONDON, Feb. 21 (Reuter).—"Reuter" learns that the following war supplies have been sent from Britain to Finland:

144 aircraft, of which 120 were fighters and 24 bombers. Between 40 and 50 have already reached Finland.

150 anti-tank rifles and ammunition.

10,000 anti-tank mines.

50,000 hand grenades.

25 howitzers.

100 machine guns and ammunition.

A considerable quantity of small arms and ammunition.

24 anti-aircraft guns and ammunition.

30 field guns and ammunition.

10 3-inch mortars and ammunition.

In addition considerable quantities of non-lethal military equipment were also sent, including respirators, gas contamination items, tents, clothing and telephones.

No Mediation By Britain

LONDON, Feb. 21 (Reuter).—Mr. E. Shinwell, in the House of Commons today, asked whether Mr. Chamberlain would consider an approach to the League of Nations or President Roosevelt with the view to offering mediation in the Russo-Finnish dispute.

Mr. R. A. Butler, the Under Secretary for Foreign Affairs, who replied, recalled that the mediation of the League of Nations was offered on December 12 and this was accepted by Finland but rejected by the Soviet.

It was open to the Finnish Government and the Soviet at any time to invite or accept the mediation of any third party, but His Majesty's Government had no authority to intervene between a third party and the two belligerent governments.

Export Trade Development

Britain Takes Special
Measures

LONDON, Feb. 21 (Reuter).

The steps which are now being taken to develop Great Britain's export trade are outlined by "Reuter's" lobby correspondent, who says that the home market will have to yield to the need for exports except for vital necessities.

The first aim is to recover markets lost at the beginning of the war, and the second is to extend them as far as possible consistently with the supplies of raw material available.

Discussion is taking place between industrialists and the Trade Union with regard to the large number of workers required for the expanded export trade.

It is hoped that as the result of the work already done, there will be a noticeable increase of cotton exports.

Export of motor cars have been placed on a satisfactory basis by arrangements for the allocation of steel and other metals required.

It is also proposed to send missions abroad with a view to securing fresh markets, while better methods of salesmanship and publicity are being discussed.

The potentialities of South American markets are being carefully examined, and the question of coal supplies for Italy is receiving prompt consideration.

REUTERS

Allied Navies Tighten Grip Off Scandinavia

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

BERGEN, Feb. 21 (UP).—Coastal observers here report that ships of British and German nationality are standing offshore.

The German steamer *Wiegand* (9,000 tons) is attempting to refloat the grounded *Altmark* in Joesfjord.

The Allied naval control around Scandinavian neutral waters has been tightened with a closer surveillance of German naval and merchant shipping in the waters off the Norwegian coast.

Reliable sources state that the Allied fleets are watching not only German maritime movements off the Norwegian coast but are also operating around the northern tip of Norway and Arctic waters as far as Petsamo.

This tightened control, they state, is the direct result of the *Altmark* incident.

The operations of the Allied fleets are to make certain that no further violations of neutral waters will occur for Germany's benefit.

The French Premier is expected to inform his Council of Ministers that the Allies have agreed not to tolerate

THE COLONIES

NEW PLAN PRAISED BY PRESS

LONDON, Feb. 21 (Reuter).—Most of the British Press commented today on the Government's White Paper on Colonial policy. Few of them have anything but praise for what is regarded as entering into a new period.

Congratulations are general and the general impression is perhaps summed up by the "Times," which says that the fact that the war is going on has not been made an excuse for preventing the necessary measures from being put into effect.

The "Daily Mail" says that the new policy is not reward for the great war efforts of the Colonies. It would have come about, war or no war.

Some papers take heart in the fact that the Government's plans are for ten years ahead (20 years in the case of the West Indies). This long-sighted policy is considered most encouraging at a time when the Empire is facing one of the most critical periods of its history.

Sense Of Obligation

The "Daily Telegraph" says that it is fulfillment of Mr. Joseph Chamberlain's policy and scheme, founded on his own conception of Empire in which the sense of obligation gives place to a sense of obligation.

The only discordant note is struck by the "Daily Express," which complains that while the Government passes the recommendations of the Royal Commission on the West Indies, it does not reveal that Committee's report.

The "Manchester Guardian," however, points out that at normal times they would have given the full reports. It would, perhaps, have been the most striking document on Colonial administration for centuries, but there are good reasons why it should not be published just now.

Nazis Charter Italian Ships To Carry Russian Oil

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

ISTANBUL, Feb. 21 (Domei).

Reliable reports reaching here indicate that German interests recently chartered four Italian tankers to ship Soviet petroleum from Batum to Varna and other ports on the Black Sea coast of Bulgaria.

The four tankers are reported to be capable of carrying 20,000 tons of oil in two weeks. They will play an important role in supplying oil to Germany during the war.

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Boomerang Propaganda

Nazis Give The Lie To
Themselves

LONDON, Feb. 21 (Reuter).—German propaganda is careful not to broadcast items which go direct to countries which know the real truth.

Thus the propaganda version of the sinking of the German ship, *Watussi*, has not been broadcast in the programmes to South Africa.

The story says that British bombers machine-gunned life-boats of the German ship which scuttled herself on December 2. The vessel, it will be recalled, was intercepted by planes of the South Africa air force, manned by South Africans.

Complete Refutation

A South African official in London today pointed out that a complete refutation of the Nazi lie was provided by none other than the captain of the *Watussi* himself, whose statement to the South African press on December 4 was reported verbatim.

The captain described how he had prepared to scuttle his ship as a lone plane circled overhead. When everything was ready and there was no danger by abandoning the ship, he gave the order to hoist the German flag and for the passengers and crew in the life-boats to be overboard.

Shortly before giving this order, the seacocks had been opened and the passengers were given coffee and food. Nor were my crew forgotten. They were given every attention possible.

Stood Him A Drink

"We were only in the life-boats for one hour before we were all picked up by a British warship. We could not have been better treated by the Royal Navy," said the captain.

"The captain of the warship stood me a drink, and believe me, I needed it. The passengers were given coffee and food. Nor were my crew forgotten. They were given every attention possible."

Legal Battle

For Cargoes

British Interests To
Take Action

LONDON, Feb. 21 (Reuter).—British interests have decided to take legal action to secure the release of British cargoes from German ships lying in neutral ports.

This step follows the breakdown of negotiations under the Board of Trade licence with German owners for the release of British cargoes.

Concocted Action

At a meeting of British cargo owners today it was stated that cargoes worth £150,000 had been handed to owners in bases where such cargoes could be obtained against payment of a 5 per cent. refund contribution.

With the rupture in negotiations, however, it was no longer proposed to allow Germans to release individual cargoes where it suited them, and it was necessary to take such concerted legal action in selected cases in order to convince the Germans that they would be wise to make an agreement for the general release of cargoes.

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Air Power

"What I have seen since I began," says the old engineer in Kipling's ballad, "leaves me no doubt of the machine. But what about the man?"

The range of the Wellington bomber is far greater, with full war load, than a thousand miles each way. We have already a smaller type which has done more than 7,000 miles without a stop. R.A.F. machines now passing from the factories to units are far superior to those of a year ago, and the output has been more than doubled. But however good the aircraft, long range flights over Germany would not be possible without great daring and enterprise and the highest level of skill in piloting and navigation.

Both men and machines of the R.A.F. will hold something more than their own against those which Hitlerism can send up.

In these first months of the war the Air Force has had a testing time, with the results of which we may well be satisfied.

It has inflicted a heavy proportion of losses on the enemy aircraft which have tried to break through our defences. Its bombers have made effective attacks on German naval and seaplane bases.

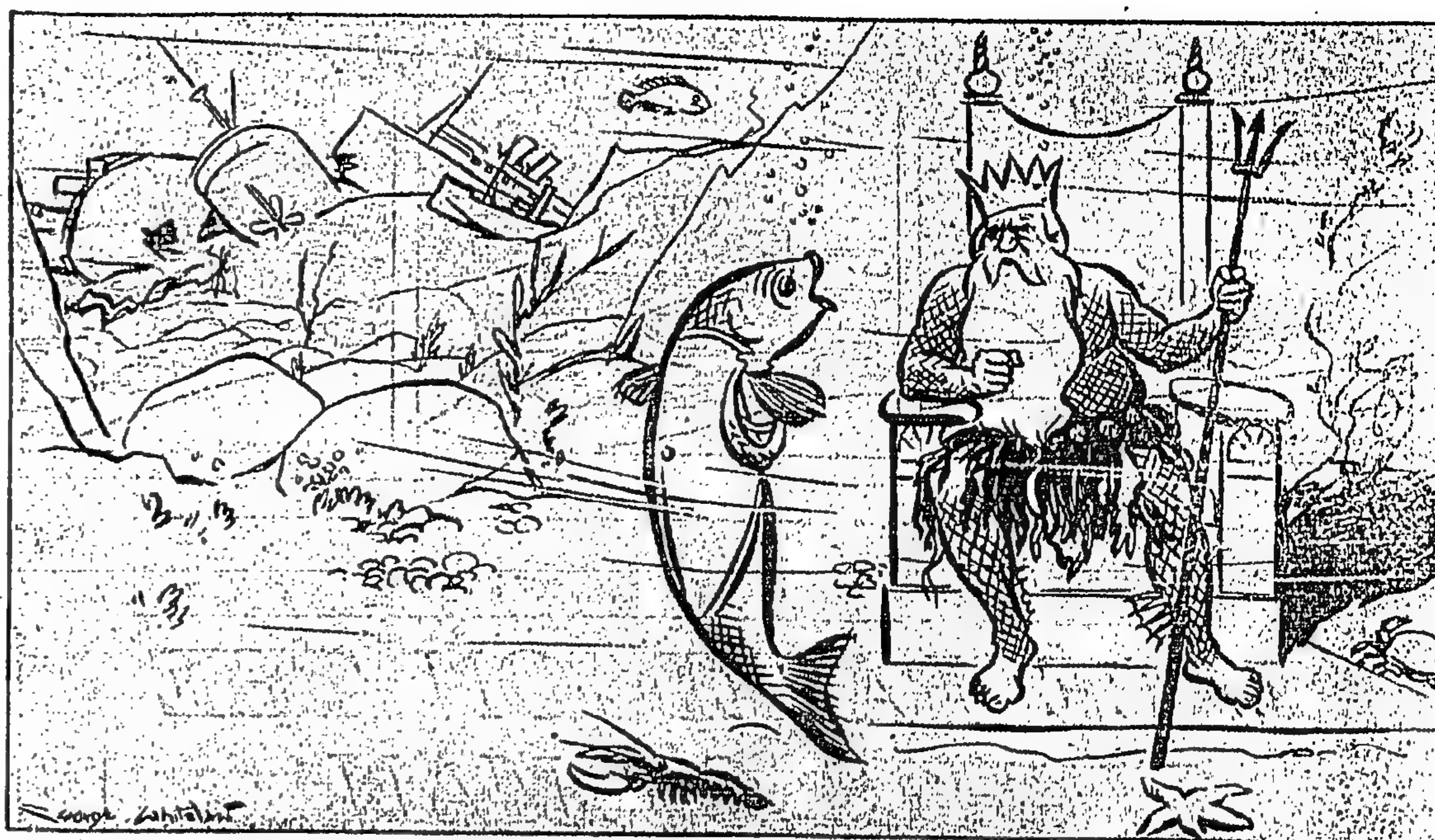
In baffling the campaign against merchant shipping it has given valuable help, so valuable that we may now consider the theory of the rise of air power weakening sea power to be proved fallacious.

A country of superior naval strength, it is clear, may increase its command of the sea by the use of the air arm.

Decisive air action has yet to come, and it is, of course, impossible to predict in what manner the Air Force may be used in major operations.

We have to expect that a more strenuous struggle may soon be fought whether only one or all the three elements are the scene of desperate effort.

But every day we have a better prospect of establishing our ascendancy in the air. Beyond the plans of production and training at home now coming to full development lies the formation of Imperial air power of overwhelming strength.



Strange goings-on, your Majesty! A lot of passenger liners and cargo vessels have sunk in the last week or two. Ah! Germany must be at war again.

Sidelights on the PEOPLE at war..

IN GERMANY..

Hushed and anxious

WITH the war not yet three months old how goes it with the enemy? What are the German people thinking and feeling? How is their morale? How does the Fuehrer stand with his own people?

Important questions; and not too easy to answer. For really reliable evidence is hard to come by. And the other kind—rumours, propaganda, sensational stories—is too plentiful.

by W. N.

EWER

(Diplomatic Correspondent)

But reliable evidence is to be had. There is a prevailing mood in Germany to-day—at any rate in the towns—of growing disillusion and depression. People are anxious, uncertain and worried about the possibilities of the future.

It is a sharp swing back from the confidence of the past few years. Before the war even anti-Nazis had come to have an almost superstitious belief in Hitler's genius—or good luck. Success followed glittering success; and always it was victory without war.

The coming of war was the first shock. But not an over-severe one. For Nazis and anti-Nazis alike had been persuaded that war would bring swift and shattering victories for the irresistible might of Germany. They had believed the boasts of their leaders. It is not the coming of war, but the absence of any spectacular feat of arms that is undermining confidence. For the first time the Nazi leaders seem unable to perform what they so loudly promised.

Faith in them weakens. But so far one can put it no higher. The mass of the people still put their trust in Herr Hitler, still believe that he will somehow pull them through.

They cling indeed to that faith. For they see no alternative; only alternatives which they dread. Where else shall they look for leadership?

EVERYBODY dreads defeat, the possibility of economic collapse, the possibility of political disintegration; and the party propaganda plays skilfully on these fears. The country then rallies to the Fuehrer because it must rally; and because there is nobody and nothing else to rally round. It has become sceptical about victory; but it believes that he may be able to win peace without defeat, and that nobody else can.

Therefore the great bulk of the German people is still loyal to the regime. There is no sign and no likelihood as yet of any serious "crack."

But—except among the blindly faithful of the Party—the loyalty is without enthusiasm. The Nazi leaders' expectation that the Munich outrage would evoke demonstrations of passionate devotion to the Leader has been completely disappointed. There is no enthusiasm.

With the war as it is the mood is one of nervous uncertainty, of growing apprehension of resentment at increasing hardships; but of acceptance of it all because no one can see what to do except look to Herr Hitler to get the country out of the situation into which he has led it.

In that mood the anti-British propaganda campaign has had great effect. The human mind—perhaps the German mind especially—needs to find blame on somebody for its misfortunes.

The German people is tooth to

blame the Fuehrer; for it still needs to trust him. Moreover, blaming the Fuehrer is a dangerous occupation. So it grasps eagerly at the suggestion that everything is due to the wickedness of Chamberlain and Churchill.

Food stocks are sufficient. But there is a lack of fats and of other things needed for a properly balanced diet. The result—as doctors were beginning to note even before the war—is a lessening of physical efficiency, a growth of nervousness and irritability.

In recent weeks neutral observers have noted how much people talk about food. That is an eloquent sign.

GERMANY then is a long way from anything like starvation, probably a long way from anything like an economic breakdown through shortage of raw material.

But the shortages which exist, coupled with the ever-increasing pressure of longer hours and speeding up, begin to tell on the nation's nerves.

Outward expressions of discontent are few. The Gestapo sees to that.

There have been some signs of unrest in a few cities. But these are rare; and too much should not be made of them. Germany is the first of the war is neither "on the verge of revolt" nor "seething with discontent" nor anything like it.

But it is depressed and anxious, disillusioned and uncertain of itself. The war of nerves is beginning to have effect; and it is the German nerves which are beginning to be frayed by the strain.

IN BRITAIN..

Your voice counts

(more than ever before)

THROUGHOUT the last few weeks there has been revealed a clue to one of the greatest miscalculations Hitler, Goering and Goebbels have ever made.

Not so long ago it was the fashion in this country to poke fun at Parliament as a dithering and time-wasting institution cluttered up and hampered by red-tape.

Parliament suddenly showed its new-found might on that amazing Saturday evening sitting of the House of Commons on September 2, when Arthur Greenwood, rising from the Labour front bench, was greeted with a cry of "Speak for England!"

by H. R. S.

PHILLPOTT

(Parliamentary Correspondent)

On the Sunday morning war came and the first alarm sounded its note over London. There is a great story still to be told about that Saturday night and that Sunday morning.

But it is supremely important to point out that during those few dramatic hours Parliament, realising that it represented, perhaps as never before, the people's will, took charge.

No one who looked on that historic scene could believe that henceforward a democratic Parliament would fail to act properly.

So Hitlerism has strengthened that

which it wished to destroy. Parliament is to be prepared to-day. It will meet again next Tuesday an institution more powerful than it has been for many generations.

During these weeks of war its proceedings have been sometimes dramatic, sometimes humdrum.

But always there has been effectiveness.

There was nothing to equal it in the Great War. Then, nine times out of ten, the Government influenced Parliament. The difference is that Parliament now influences the Government. Day by day there has been an obvious and unencumbered anxiety of Ministers to meet the wishes of the House.

Constructive speeches or searching questions from the Opposition members are cheered from the Government back-benches.

That is not to say that Party Issues and Party principles have gone by the board. On the contrary. Since that first alarm sounded they have been as clear-cut as ever on certain issues, and as keenly fought. But nobody can now question the supremacy of Parliament.

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The power of this new-found Parliamentary control has been expressed in many ways. Parliament forced the Government to review and improve the allowances for dependents of men in the fighting Services, to set up an inquiry into a remodelling of the old-age pensions.

It secured a Select Committee to keep a watch on war expenditure.

It insisted on measures to deal with profiteering, made the Government climb down on the regulations under the Emergency Powers Act which would have brought back curfew, imprisonment without trial, and punishment for the dissemination of news and the propaganda of opinion.

Recorded facts show how great a part Labour has played. It is indisputable that but for the Labour Opposition and its constructive work much of what has been done either would not have been done or would have been tragically delayed.

Within a few days of its insistence on evacuation, "the greatest exodus since Moses," to quote Mr. Walter Elliot, was successfully carried out.

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Industrial Labour has gone in "on the ground floor" in the organisation of war material output. The Ministry of Information has been re-formed because of Labour's insistence, and, by the same pressure, the Ministry of Shipping has been set up.

Hardly a phase of national war-time life has been left uninfluenced by the pressure of free Parliamentary opinion. Early in the war Mr. Greenwood defined the functions of Parliament as being twofold.

First, to hear statements by the Prime Minister and the Government and if necessary to debate and question them.

Second, for those M.P.s "close to the heart of the people" to bring home to the Government questions troubling the people's minds.

"I believe," he said, "that in this war Parliament—a hated symbol to Hitler—will grow in power during this war and will not become an atrophied organ of an effete body."

Parliament has grown in power. It has grown more in three months than in thirty years. Nobody can now doubt about among the people and that it knows that.

GRIN AND BEAR IT By Lichty



"I've got a new angle on the Trufflo fellow's account—his wife gets money out of him by crying!"

Yunnan Rly. Bombing

THREE FRENCH PROTESTS

M. Lebrun To Report To His Council

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH".
PARIS, Feb. 21, (UP).—President Lebrun, as President of the Council of Ministers, is to-morrow reporting on diplomatic and military situations in relations between France and Japan which have been rendered increasingly tense because of the fourth bombing of the Yunnan Railway.

The third and fourth raids are reported to have been especially destructive. They destroyed metallic bridges and interrupted important traffic. In Tokyo yesterday the French Ambassador made a third, and even more bitter, protest despite the fact that Japan has not replied to the first two notes.

Yangtze Re-opening
The Agency Radio to-day published an official inspired commentary on the situation emphasizing that Japan has decided to postpone the re-opening of the Yangtze, and may delay it until the Wang Ching-wei regime is ready for installation in Nanking, thus giving Wang Ching-wei an early opportunity to win the graces of the big Powers and to give him political bargaining material when his regime is reorganized.

However, the Agency Radio points out that a Sino-Japanese shipping company is preparing to start a river service for passengers and freight under the Chinese flag on February 20.

New Turkish Earthquake

Thirty Killed And Forty Injured

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH".
ISTANBUL, Feb. 21 (UP).—Thirty people were killed and 22 injured to-day in the villages of Simnigulch and Soyavil which were destroyed by a new earthquake.

The disturbance was centred at Daveli, Kayseri Province, and was accompanied by a resumption of volcanic action in the Ercis mountains.

First reports reaching here said there had been 18 distinct shocks since 3 p.m., on Tuesday, accompanied by underground rumblings leading to the belief that the cause was volcanic, especially in view of the fact that three summits in the once active Ercis mountains are reported to be emitting smoke.

40 Injured
ANKARA, Feb. 22 (Reuter).—Thirty were killed and 40 injured yesterday in a severe earthquake shock which affected Northern Anatolia in the same area as was devastated at the end of last year.

DUTCH SHIP IS SINKING

Explosion 60 Miles Off Finisterre

ROTTERDAM, Feb. 21 (Reuter).—The owners of the Dutch steamer, Tara, 4,760 tons, have received a message from the captain saying that the ship is sinking about 60 miles south-west of Cape Finisterre, following an explosion.

The Tara was bound from Bahia Blenco to Rotterdam with a cargo of grain for the Dutch Government. The cause of the explosion and the fate of the crew are not yet known.

Tanker Fearfully Lost
THE HAGUE, Feb. 21 (Reuter).—It is feared that the Dutch motor tanker, Den Haag, 8,971 tons, has been lost on the voyage from New York to Rotterdam.

The Den Haag was carrying 11,000 tons of oil products.
Captain And Crew Saved
ROTTERDAM, Feb. 21 (Reuter).—The captain and crew of the Tara have been saved.

Mayor May Lose His Office

SHANGHAI, Feb. 22 (Reuter).—It is rumoured in well-informed circles that the Mayor of the city government of Greater Shanghai, Fu Siao-en, may be deprived of his office in the near future, according to the "China Press."

It is stated that Dr. Chu Ming-yi, Secretary-General of the orthodox Kuomintang and Wang Ching-wei's brother-in-law, may succeed.

The latter went to Nanking and returned with Wang Ching-wei, head of the Reformed Government, on February 18.

NAZI DEMANDS REJECTED

STOCKHOLM, Feb. 22 (Reuter).—It is learned that Sweden has rejected German demands that Swedish ships cease operating into Allied ports.

It is intimated that Sweden has prepared a statement of retaliation in the event of Germany carrying out the implied threats.

H.K. ELECTRIC TO ISSUE NEW CAPITAL Bonus Shares Also Being Offered

At the Ordinary Yearly Meeting of Shareholders of The Hongkong Electric Company Limited to be held on Thursday, March 21 at 11 a.m., the Directors will, subject to audit, recommend that the balance available for distribution be disposed of as follows:—

To pay a final dividend of \$1.50 per share making, with the interim dividend of \$1 per share paid on September 7, 1939, a total of \$2.50 per share on 400,000 shares	\$ 900,000.00
To pay a bonus of 75 cents per share on 400,000 shares	450,000.00
To place to Reserve	400,000.00
To carry forward to next account	594,480.30
	\$2,344,480.30

Messrs. Gibbs, Livingston & Co. Ltd., the Agents of The Hongkong Electric Co. Ltd., also inform us that, at a Meeting of the Board of Directors held this morning, it was decided to recommend to Shareholders that the Capital of the Company be increased from its present Capital of \$6,000,000 Hongkong currency to \$18,000,000 Hongkong currency divided into 1,800,000 shares of \$10 each and that such additional shares shall rank in all respects pari passu with the original Capital of the Company.

Bonus Shares
The Directors will further recommend to Shareholders the issue of a Capital Bonus of one fully paid share for every two shares held by Shareholders on the Register as on July 1, 1940 and that such Bonus should be effected by capitalising \$3,000,000 of the Company's Reserve Fund and that such shares should rank for dividends as from July 1, 1940.

Further that the necessary Extraordinary General Meeting to consider and if thought fit approve the above proposals would be held immediately after the Ordinary Yearly Meeting of Shareholders.

British Warships Off Norway?

OSLO, Feb. 21 (Reuter).—Rumours of the presence of British warships off northern Norway were circulating yesterday in Kirkenes, but nothing is known of them at ports along the coast.

Visibility at sea was greatly reduced by raging snowstorms, and returning fishermen stated that they had seen no signs of British naval activity.

Police Must Be Protected Says Judge

Prison For Man Who Wounded Constable

"The Police have got to be protected from scoundrels like you," said Mr. Justice R. E. Lindsell at the Criminal Sessions to-day when he sentenced Chan Fong, 21, to two years' hard labour for wounding a Chinese constable.

In addition to the prison sentence, Chan was ordered to be given 12 strokes of the cat.

"Villainous Young Man"

Asked by His Lordship, Chan agreed that he had put a knife in the back of the constable, Li Hing-po, to escape apprehension. Chan added that he had not known that Li was a constable.

His Lordship said he saw that Chan had a bad police record and, apparently, he was a villainous young man.

It will be recalled that the stabbing occurred in Argyle Street, Mongkok district, last month when Chan was arrested by Li for an alleged theft. In the Police Court, Chan had also been charged and sentenced for being a member of a secret society.

Turkish Defence Committee

ANKARA, Feb. 21 (Reuter).—The Turkish Co-ordination Committee, established under the Emergency Defence Law "for the protection of the nation" have commenced working.

The Premier, Mr. Refik Saydam, presides over the Committee and other members of the Committee are the Ministers of National Defence, Finance, National Economy, Agriculture, Commerce and Transport.

Scores of Incendiary Bombs on Swedish Town

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH".
STOCKHOLM, Feb. 21 (UP).—The Swedish Foreign Office has instructed its Minister to Moscow to protest against the bombing of the Swedish town of Pajala, a town of roughly 2,000 inhabitants located in the Tornea River valley about five miles from the Finnish border.

The Mayor of Pajala, Mr. George Taubs, told the "United Press" by telephone to-day that 30 explosive bombs and "hundreds of incendiaries" were dropped on the town from a height of 2,000 feet.

NO CIVILIANS KILLED

"A bomb badly damaged the church, completely destroyed three houses and set fire to others which are still burning," he said. "The explosions shattered the windows in all houses."

The Town Sheriff said no civilians were killed, although it is believed many are wounded.

He said that seven Russian planes apparently lost their bearings and bombed Pajala instead of a similar town on the Finnish side of the frontier. However, the weather was extremely clear and visibility was excellent.

Mayor's Broadcast
The Mayor has since made a radio broadcast over the Swedish network. He said fifteen explosive and more than one hundred incendiary bombs were dropped, the latter dropping in the most populated part of the town. The broadcast said there were no dead and no wounded and that the church was not hit.

The planes apparently flew over the city once only and then disappeared.

Reports from Haparanda and Tornaa state that air raid alarms were sounded at noon, what is believed to have been the same raiding squadron, being sighted at that time.

Main Road Destroyed

STOCKHOLM, Feb. 21 (Reuter).—Ten high explosive and a number of incendiary bombs were dropped by seven Russian planes on the Swedish village of Pajala, five miles from the Finnish frontier.

The main road running through the village was destroyed. Nobody was injured.

Visibility was good at the time and

surprise is expressed that the Russian airmen should have made a mistake about their position.

Battle Over Petsamo

KIRKENES, Feb. 21 (UP).—Reports here state that a severe aerial battle is in progress over the Petsamo region. The nationality of the planes has not yet been determined.

No British Protest

LONDON, Feb. 21 (British Wireless).—The Under Secretary for Foreign Affairs said in the House of Commons that although His Majesty's Government were aware that Soviet air forces had pursued a policy of indiscriminate bombing which could not be too strongly condemned, they did not intend to lodge any protest, having no grounds to believe that such action would achieve the result desired.

Followed Wrong Track

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH".
STOCKHOLM, Feb. 21 (UP).—It is considered likely that the Pajala bombing may have been a mistake. The Committee for the Freedom of the North has sent a petition to the Government stating that "if Finland persists, Sweden's own life is threatened. The decisive moment has arrived."

This opinion is expressed that the Russian bombers may have intended bombing the important Finnish towns of Joensuu and Kollari, and that they followed the wrong railway or valley to Pajala.

Residents first thought that the planes were Swedish and were merely manoeuvring. They watched calmly until the bombs began falling.

Decisive Moment

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Farr Unfit For Military Service!

LONDON, Feb. 21 (Reuter).—Laughter greeted a statement made by Sir Kingsley Wood in the House of Commons to-day to the effect that the famous boxer, Tommy Farr, had been released from military duty because he was found on medical examination to be below the required standard.

When it was suggested that Tommy Farr must be fit because he was already staging a £20,000 purse fight for the heavyweight championship of the world, Sir Kingsley Wood reiterated that Farr was not up to the required standards for service.

Banishers Sentenced

Police Records Date Back Ten Years

Three banishers were sentenced to a total of eight-and-a-half years' hard labour when they appeared before Mr. Justice R. E. Lindsell in the Supreme Court to-day when Criminal Session pleas were taken.

With an almost 10-year-old police record, Wing Leung was sentenced to three years' hard labour. He is at present serving a sentence of four months' imprisonment for theft. He was banished from Hongkong for life in December 1937, and was arrested in Hongkong on January 25.

Twice Whipped For Offences

His police record also dating back 10 years, Loung So, was given three years' hard labour. He was expelled from Hongkong for life in 1937 and was arrested here on January 21. His previous convictions showed that once he had been whipped twice within three days for offences committed.

Approved by Mr. Justice Lindsell that he had been leading a career of crime since he was 12 years old, Ko Kee-wah, 18, was sentenced to two and half years' hard labour. He was arrested in Hongkong on January 22 having been banished for life in January 1939.

Mr. H. Williams, Crown Counsel, who prosecuted, referred to a banishers named Chiu Kwai and asked His Lordship to adjourn this case for a month as he had a medical report saying that Chiu was not fit to leave hospital.

The adjournment was granted.

Germans Want To Leave

Half Million Apply To Enter U.S.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 22, (Reuter).—The State Department reports that nearly 500,000 people living at present in the confines of Greater Germany have applied for permission to enter the United States.

The total number of aliens registered for immigration at United States consular offices in June last included 309,000 from Germany proper, 115,000 from pre-war Poland, and 51,000 from Czechoslovakia.

It is understood that since June, the total registrations for Germany have risen still higher.

Atlantic Air Mail Service Hopes

LONDON, Feb. 21 (British Wireless).—Asked in the House of Commons to-day whether the Air Ministry would consider a feeder service between London and Lisbon, and thereby accelerate the Atlantic air mail, Sir Kingsley Wood said that he was hopeful that facilities for flight over the countries concerned would shortly be accorded and that it would then be possible to inaugurate the service.

Lady Halifax Back In England

LONDON, Feb. 21 (British Wireless).—Lady Halifax, wife of the Foreign Secretary, who had been on a short visit to Italy, arrived back to-day in London. She had been in Rome since February 10 when she reached there with her son, Mr. Richard Wood.

R.A.F. OVER HELIGOLAND

London, Feb. 21. The Air Ministry announces that a reconnaissance of Heligoland light was carried out successfully by several Royal Air Force aircraft last night.—Reuter.

DETAINED BRITONS

Japanese Action Is Quoried In House

LONDON, Feb. 21 (Reuter).—In the House of Commons to-day, Mr. R. A. Butler, Under Secretary for Foreign Affairs, reported the recent arrests of Britons in Japan.

The Rev. F. E. Watts, an Australian, in charge of the Kobe branch of the Mission to Seamen; H. J. Griffiths, of the firm of J. L. Thompson and Co.; and V. O. Peters had been detained by the Japanese Police since January 17, he disclosed.

No Precise Charges
The precise nature of the charges against them was not yet officially specified.

His Majesty's Consul-General at Kobe had twice visited the Rev. Watts and Mr. Griffiths and reported that they were in reasonably good health. It had not yet been possible for him to visit Mr. Peters.

Viscount Halifax was in constant communication with Sir Robert Craigie, the British Ambassador to Tokyo, on developments in these cases.

Baldur Was A Decoy Ship

Her Ruse To Escape Was Failure

LONDON, Feb. 21 (British Wireless).—According to reliable information reaching London the German tanker, Baldur, which it will be recalled scuttled herself at the time of the Altmarm exploit, was acting as a decoy steamer.

Both vessels have a number of similar features. Each was painted grey and had funnels astern.

When the Baldur scuttled herself, it was presumably hoped that the British vessels and aeroplanes in the neighbourhood would assume that she was the Altmarm and would give up the pursuit.

That such tactics were thought necessary is an interesting commentary on the German claim that the Altmarm was an innocent merchant ship.

WAR ON U-BOATS UNDIMINISHED

Mr. Churchill Gives Assurances

LONDON, Feb. 21 (British Wireless).—Asked in the House of Commons whether he could give the latest information of the results of action against U-Boats, the First Lord said that our successes had been greater than expected and that though results, of course, vary from week to week, the average rate of weekly sinkings—not less than two per week—which he gave in December was in no way exaggerated.

Replying to further questions, Mr. Winston Churchill re-affirmed Government's intention to arm all ships, including fishing vessels, as rapidly as possible and said that strong air patrols would be provided for the protection of fishing vessels.

Contraband Bases Very Active

LONDON, Feb. 21 (British Wireless).—On February 20, 26 neutral ships were in U.K. Contraband Control bases of which 23 had been there five days or less.

During the week ended February 17, the Contraband Committee considered the cargoes of 89 ships which had arrived that week, and 38 outstanding cargoes from the previous week. In 68 cases, the entire cargoes were released.

A total of 45 cases were dealt with under the system of advance copy manifests and in 42 such cases, the vessels were released subject to a formal checking of the original manifests.

BRITON CHARGED WITH ESPIONAGE

Round-Up Made By Stockholm Police

STOCKHOLM, Feb. 21 (Reuter).—A British subject, Donald William Beach, was one of five men who appeared in a Stockholm court to-day on a charge of espionage.

The other four accused are of Swedish nationality. Beach told the court that he was trained as a wireless telegraphist during the last war, after which he was for some time working as a ship's wireless operator.

After preliminary proceedings, the public were excluded from the courtroom.

High Blood Pressure Kills Men & Women

Twelve men and women are suffering from high blood pressure, which is a mysterious disease that starts about the time of the onset of life and is the real cause of much heart trouble and later on of paralysis, stroke, and other serious conditions. High blood pressure is a disease which attacks at any age and in both sexes. It is a disease which is not yet understood, but which is a very real and dangerous enemy. It is a disease which is not yet understood, but which is a very real and dangerous enemy. It is a disease which is not yet understood, but which is a very real and dangerous enemy.

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DECISIVE BATTLE IMMINENT?

FROM PAGE ONE

The dispatch is date-lined Kovno and states: "Military experts are saying that the Mannerheim line is as strong as the Siegfried or Maginot lines and its destruction is a most difficult task from a military point of view."

To-day's official Finnish communiqué states that there was heavy fighting in the Summa and Taipale sectors on Tuesday when the Finns repulsed all Russian attacks.

It said the fighting was heaviest at Taipale where two Russian divisions made a joint attack.

The communiqué confirmed that 17 Russian planes were shot down yesterday, while two others are reported to have been destroyed but the reports cannot be confirmed.

Six Others Crash

Further reports state that an additional six Russian raiders crashed, making a possible total of 23 Russian planes lost to-day.

In the course of widespread raids the Russians bombed Hango and several other towns. It is alleged that they raided the towns repeatedly, strafing a children's home and a passenger plane.

The communiqué added that at Kuusmo the Finns repulsed a Russian attempt to send reinforcements to surround the Finnish detachment.

Fall At Kolvito Denied

HELSINGFORS, Feb. 21 (UP).—The Finns officially deny the Soviet claim to the capture of Kolvito.

Vote Of Confidence

STOCKHOLM, Feb. 21 (Reuter).—The Parliament here to-day gave the Prime Minister an expression of confidence in his foreign policy.

which guards the southern end of the Mannerheim Line. The guns in this fortress town played an important part in resisting the Soviet advance.

North-east of Kolvito the Reds have extended the attack right across the Isthmus.

East of the Isthmus the Finns are claimed to have been thrown back on the ice of Lake Suunto.

Karelian Offensive
HELSINGFORS, Feb. 21 (Reuter).—A Finnish communiqué reports more Soviet attacks in the Karelian Isthmus. It claims that the attacks were repulsed with heavy Soviet losses and that numerous tanks were destroyed.

The Finnish air force several times effected reconnaissance flights behind the enemy lines and bombed enemy troops and concentrations.

In the course of air battles, 17 enemy planes were shot down.

Hungarians Fight For Fins
PARIS, Feb. 21 (Reuter).—About 1,000 Hungarians—the first contingent of a force of 10,000 who have volunteered to fight for Finland—arrived here to-day.

The "Paris Soir" states that they are leaving to-morrow for London. Most are ex-servicemen, including some officers.

The Commanding Officer said that while crossing Yugoslavia and Italy they received an extremely friendly welcome.

"Pilgrim's" Hockey Notes

HOCKEY INTERPORT WITH MACAO

Suggestions For The Hongkong Team Association Council In Predicament

The monthly meeting of the Hongkong Hockey Association Council last Thursday had to be postponed because of the non-appearance of four or five members. It is true Volunteer camps and other important business might have been the cause, but the members concerned could have at least dropped a note to the Hon. Secretary or telephoned him, warning him of their absence.

On two occasions of late, when only an extra member was needed to form a quorum, the meeting had to be cancelled after a wait of three-quarters of an hour.

The Association in latter years has never been placed in such a predicament, and it is very annoying to those who do turn up to be later informed that a meeting cannot be convened owing to lack of support.

A meeting will be held to-day at 6 p.m., and I hope it will be possible to form a quorum this time.

HERE is my Interport team, and to aid the selectors in case trials are to be played I have nominated numerous reserves who are in excellent form at the moment:

Goalkeeper—U. B. Souza (Radio). Backs—V. C. Bond (C.B.A.) and Datta Ram (Rajputana Rifles). Halves—M. H. Hassan (Radio), W. A. Reed (Club) and R. J. Reed (Normans).

Forwards—Sha Wali (Rajputana Rifles), G. Singh (Radio), Homberg (R.E.), Narain Singh (Kumaons), and Parthab Singh (Kumaons).

RESERVES
Goalkeepers—Dobson (R.E.), V. M. Benwell (Club) and J. Lockhart. Backs—Gusain Singh (Kumaons), Mehar Singh (Police), J. Gonsalves and J. Goswami (Recreio). Halves—Gordon (R.A.), Lieut. Hook (R.A.), N. Whitley (C.B.A.) and Brown (Police).

Forwards—Gemmell (Navy), Lieut. Pritham Nath (Rajputana Rifles), G. Fowler, S. A. Fowler and E. Fowler (C.B.A.).

Enthusiasts are reminded that the Interport will be played here on Easter Sunday, March 24. Macao will probably play a second match on the day following against the Rest of the Colony.

I have received definite information that the Macao wingers, E. Nolasco and A. Angelo, will not be leaving for the United States until after the Interport. They were due to leave in the first week of March.

IN a Tournament game at Caroline Hill last Sunday, Radio and Postal Sports Club beat University 6-1 without much trouble. It is questionable if Radio will have an easier game this season. They scored six goals and had they exerted themselves in the second half they might have got at least two or three more.

Although G. Singh scored only once, he did more than any other Radio forward to upset the Varsity defensive system by his clever tactics and readiness to feed his winger, J. Pinto, at inside left, came right back into his old form to obtain two goals, and for some fine goal-keeping by San Gupta he would have scored at least two more goals in the second half.

The champions' strength, however, was at half-back. J. Singh and Gurdial Singh, reversioned constructive ability on the flanks, and M. H. Hassan effectively barred the path of the visiting inside forwards down the middle.

Goals were also scored by Awtar Singh (1), K. Singh (1) and Hassan (1).

Taking a 4-1 lead at the interval the home team experienced little difficulty in holding their opponents in the second half when they enjoyed the lion's share of the exchanges.

University started well enough, but once they fell behind they went completely to pieces. The defence was also over-run by a fast moving Radio attack. K.S. Oh did well to score in the first half when he followed up a weak clearance by U. B. Souza, but it was an uphill fight throughout because the forwards were weak. W. Abraham, at centre-half, was the most alert member of his side; the remaining halves, Leow and Hui were far too slow with their tackling and held on to the ball too long, with the result that they were often robbed of it.

In general, the University lacked cohesion and thrust forward, but for the good covering of the backs, Tam and Low in the closing stages, the defeat would have been more severe. In the latter half the Radio attack was also prevented from scoring by the good goal-keeping of San Gupta.

ST. ANDREW'S Ladies, who are making a strong bid for

the Caer Clark Cup championship this season, defeated Recreio Ladies, 3-0, at King's Park last Saturday. The Saints well deserved their victory and had they shown the same incisiveness in front of goal as they showed cleverness in mid-field, they would have had more than a goal's lead at the interval.

Mrs. Bliss scored once in each half and Miss H. Reid added the third point before the final whistle. But even so, better things were expected of the latter who was inclined to be off-side during most part of the game. Miss B. Longbottom, who substituted for Miss Churn, caught the eye in the second half when she played a rattling good game at outside-right. I am certain the Saints will improve their attack if she is retained in that position. Miss F. Wong seemed quite at home at inside-right.

There was no doubt about the Saints' superiority in the second half when they simply swamped the Recreio defence, and the two goals scored in this period by no means represented their superiority. Miss J. Wong once again was a hard-working pivot, who was well supported by Miss G. White at full-back.

Recreio's attack was their chief weakness. The line did not pull well together and only Mrs. Rodrigues was dangerous, though Miss B. Remedios on the extreme right put in some useful centres. Despite the fact that their defence was pierced more times in the second half, the visitors' rear-guard was good, both Mrs. M. Silva and Miss O. Bofelho playing well. Most credit, however, goes to Mrs. L. Silva who was the outstanding player at centre-half. Miss Z. Barros did exceptionally well in goal when she saved several shots in succession from Mrs. Bliss and Miss F. Wong. Though their attack only revealed combination now and then, the Recreio defences played a stout game all through.

"Y" LADIES, Caer Clark Cup champions, defeated C.B.S. 4-0 in the final league game. Surviving a hectic spell in the first half, when far more vigour than science was introduced into the proceedings, "Y" Ladies gradually wore the Schoolgirls down to score a deserved victory after the interval. Even their famous defence, which has played so great a part in previous victories, had its panicky moments and might have conceded C.B.S. a couple of goals in the first twenty minutes of the game.

Generally, however, this defence beat the youthful visitors by its stubborn work, where Miss M. McCaw and Mrs. Starbuck, the halves, and Mrs. Strange, at left-back, provided the immovable objects. Miss D. McCaw, who led the attack, was the most dangerous forward on view and completed a good afternoon's work by scoring the "hat trick". Mrs. Gardner, who also scored, was always a source of danger.

The home team seemed to have more endurance for in the final stages they were constantly attacking. Should St. Andrew's win the remaining fixtures, they will meet the "Y" Ladies in a replay for the championship, and in the opinion of many the latter will have to give of their best to retain the Cup.

C.B.S. were a disappointing team in the second half and in the initial period missed at least three easy goals. Their forwards, of whom Miss M. Shand and Miss E. Watson were the pick, had no plan of campaign. They lack a girl of Miss D. McCaw's stamp—one who could construct and instruct, as it were. Miss J. Moss failed in these respects. There was much more stability,



The newly formed Argonauta team who won the Knill Cup in their first appearance of competitive hockey. With them is A.S. Xavier, their coach.

Rugby

WRONG TACTICS BY ENGINEERS LEAD TO DEFEAT BY CLUB "A"

(By "Fly-half")

In ideal rugby conditions except for a slippery ball, Club "A" just managed to defeat the Royal Engineers by 16 points (2 goals and 2 tries) to 11 points (a goal and 2 tries) at the Valley yesterday. Twice the Sappers drew level and but for the closing few minutes had as much of the game as their opponents.

Paul, Navy's brilliant three-quarter, turned out for the Club as a forward, packing middle of the back row. K. A. Watson, hooking for Club, obtained a greater share of the ball for his side in the set scrums. The Club backs did not handle the difficult ball at all well and their movements never went far.

Taylor, playing at inside-three, was poor in attack and was guilty of faulty handling and kicking. Midway through the second half, Needham, of the forwards, changed places with Taylor and from then on the Club attacked strongly. Needham heralded his inclusion amongst the three by a 60-yard dash, which almost resulted in a score.

ARTINGSTALL SHINES

Waite and Artlingstall were dangerous when in possession. The latter showed some wonderful turns of speed plus force. Foley was an active scrum half for the Sappers, although he was mostly called upon in defence or in spoiling tactics. His forwards gave him a very busy time in dealing with pats back from line-out, and it was the use of this dangerous movement that led to the Club's victory. There is very little else an opposing team can do to counteract patting back by the other side than breaking through after the ball immediately it is struck back, and this the Club players did to almost perfection. The Royal Engineers should have realized that a slippery ball made patting back much more dangerous than usual.

Club forwards, well led by Kennedy, were superior to the military eight. B. Hynes, Macrae, Beattie and Paul were prominent. Morgan, Laville, D. Hynes and Beattie scored tries for the Club. Watson converted two of them. Cuthbertson, Artlingstall and Birrell scored tries for the Royal Engineers, the second one being converted by Birrell.

however, in the rear lines. Though they found the opposition too strong, Miss S. Rousseau, Miss P. Kirby and Miss J. Kew showed a resolute defence in the first half. Miss B. Goodwin, at full-back, was very active in her tackling and clearance shots. Nevertheless, a keen and hard-fought game was witnessed.

THE following are the positions of the various teams in the Hongkong Hockey Association Tournament:

	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
Radio & P.S.C.	8	0	0	21	0	12	
C.B.A.	8	0	1	32	5	11	
Royal Engineers	4	1	3	13	12	11	
Recreio	7	2	3	2	0	10	
Normans	0	2	3	1	9	14	5
K.I.T.C.	5	1	3	1	24	3	
Police	4	1	2	1	4	5	
University	4	1	2	0	5	11	2
Royal Signals	0	0	5	1	4	20	
R.A.O.C.	2	0	2	0	1	6	0

Leading Goal Scorers are: Sgt. Homberg, R.E. (13), S. A. Fowler, C.B.A., (11), G. Singh, Radio, (8).

East Asia Athletic Meet In Tokyo

Manila, Feb. 20 (Dome).—The Philippine Athletic Federation is preparing to send 56 athletes to Japan to participate in the East Asia Athletic Meet in Tokyo in June. It was announced here to-day.

The Tokyo meet forms part of the Japanese athletic programme designed to celebrate the 2,600th anniversary of the Japanese Empire.

The Filipino athletes will include a basketball team, swimmers, boxers and track and field players.

Boxing

Louis-Paycheck Fight Advanced

NEW YORK Feb. 22 (UP).—Mike Jacobs has announced that the match between Joe Louis and Paycheck for the heavyweight title will now take place on March 29 instead of April 3, when the Garzin-Overlin bout for the middleweight championship will be held.

The switching of dates is for the purpose of giving Garcia more time after his fight with Armstrong on March 1.

GALENTO TO MEET BAER

Mike Jacobs also announced that Tony Galento will fight Max Baer in New Jersey in late May for the right to meet Louis "for whoever is champion in July."

Jacobs has already promised Lee Savold a chance for the title if he beat Bob Pastor impressively.

Badminton

Recreio Beat Kowloon C.C.

Playing in the "B" Division of the Badminton League last night, Club de Recreio defeated Kowloon C.C., 8-1. St. John's beat St. Teresa's, 6-3, and Kowloon "A" lost to V.R.C., 4-5.

RECREIO V. KOWLOON C.C.

R. A. Marques and H. Gonsalves (Recreio) beat P. Wynter-Blyth and A. L. Fisher 21-8; beat C. C. Kevin and T. A. Madar 21-5; beat A. Zimmerman and H. S. Jones 21-5.

A. E. Xavier and H. A. Barros (Recreio) lost to Wynter-Blyth and Fisher 18-21; beat Kevin and Madar 21-12; beat Zimmerman and Jones 21-6.

ST. JOHN'S V. ST. TERESA'S

John Chow and S. Chong (St. Teresa's) lost to H. Eardley and R. Beaven 12-21; lost to David Kwok and Frank H. Kwok 8-21; beat N. L. Smith and R. Maynard 21-15. L. Anglin Ho and H. S. Wan (St. Teresa's) lost to Eardley and Beaven 9-21; lost to Kwok and Kwok 7-21; lost to Smith, and Maynard 22-21. Peter Lo and J. Tsang (St. Teresa's) beat Eardley and Beaven 21-17; lost to Kwok and Kwok 7-21; beat Smith and Maynard 21-10.

COLONY CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP

Leaders To Meet This Evening

Four matches which might well decide the Colony Chess Championship are down to be played this evening. E. Weiss, the leader, will meet his closest rival, E. Zimmerman at the Gloucester Hotel, where Sir Henry Pollock will also play D. E. de Carvalho.

At the Peninsula Hotel, K. M. A. Barnett will play B. S. Litvin, and A. Kurrik will meet L. Blair. As a result of his win over Barnett on Tuesday, Zimmerman has moved up to second place, and is now the only remaining player who has not been beaten.

Following is the table:

	P	W	D	L	Pts
E. Weiss	5	4	0	1	4
E. Zimmerman	3	3	0	0	3
B. S. Litvin	4	3	0	1	3
Sir H. Pollock	5	2	1	2	2 1/2
K. M. A. Barnett	3	2	0	1	2
D. E. de Carvalho	3	2	0	1	2
L. Blair	3	1	0	2	1
A. Birukoff	5	1	0	4	1
A. Kurrik	3	1	2	2	1 1/2
V. V. Kolatchoff	4	0	0	4	0

Buying The Same Tickets

The habit of some persons in buying the same block of through tickets year after year at annual race meetings does not, on the average, seem worth while. If the records for the past five years can be taken as a criterion.

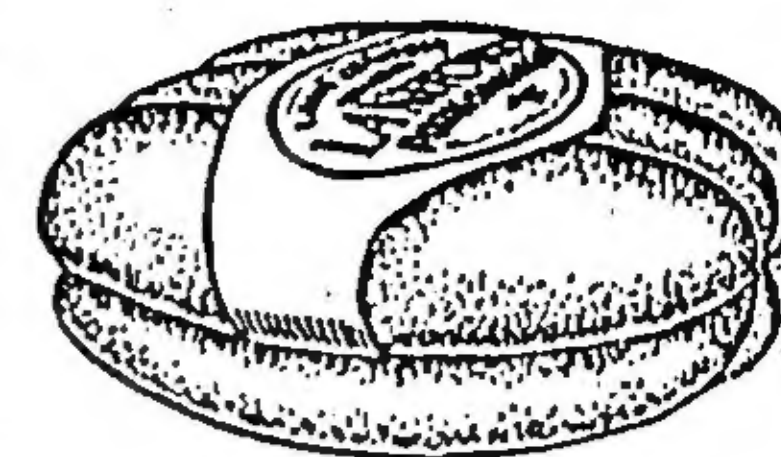
As an example, take the Numbers 1-10, which, it is understood, have been held by the same person for years. Against the \$3,000 which he paid during the past five years, he made, during the same period, \$2,545.80—\$254.40 in 1935, \$1,404.00 in 1936, nothing in 1937 and 1938, \$100 in 1939 and \$741.00 so far at this meeting. Admittedly, there are some who had all the luck as instances the holder of through ticket No. 1183 at this meeting, which came out twice on the fourth day, winning first and second prizes.

A.P.C. WIN STUBBS SHIELD FINAL

The Asiatic Petroleum Co., represented by G. M. Park (6) and P. Young (8) won the Stubbs Shield at Fanling yesterday, beating the Royal Army Medical Corps—Major Harvey (10) and Major Boyle (15)—in the final by one hole.

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TIN QUOTA QUERY

M.P. Pleads For No Reduction

LONDON, Feb. 21 (Reuter).—In the House of Commons today, Mr. Graham White, asked whether, in view of the forthcoming meeting of the International Tin Committee, Mr. Malcolm MacDonald would see that no reduction or alteration of the quota was made unless he was satisfied that it would not interfere with maximum use of Malaya tin resources in the prosecution of the war.

Mr. MacDonald replied that the quota decision rested with the International Tin Committee, but he felt sure that the Malayan and Nigerian delegations would continue to maintain the interests of the governments they represent on the Committee, including their interest in the effective prosecution of the war.

STOCK EXCHANGE FIRM

LONDON, Feb. 21 (Reuter).—On the Stock Exchange to-day, rising values and expansion of business were the outstanding features of the markets.

Among industrials, oils, coppers, diamonds and certain kaifins all met investment demand and appreciable gains were registered.

Home rails were firmer, but gilt-edged securities were less prominent owing to interest in other sections; however, foreign issues were generally well-maintained.

Wall Street was steady.

SPORT ADVTS.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

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17th, 18th, 20th, 21st and 24th February

On Saturday, 17th, Monday, 19th, Tuesday, 20th, and Wednesday, 21st February, the first race will be run at 11.30 a.m., and the first race will be run at 12.00 noon. On Saturday, 17th February, the first race will be run at 1.30 p.m., and the first race will be run at 2.00 p.m.

The time interval will be after the fourth race on the first four days of the Meeting.

MEMBERS' BADGES AND ENCLOSURES

Members are reminded that they and their ladies MUST wear their badges prominently displayed throughout the Meeting.

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The price of admission to the Public Enclosure is \$2.00 per day including tax for all persons including ladies, and is payable at the Gate.

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Passes for Servants will be issued to Private Box holders ONLY on application to the Secretary, 1st floor, Exchange Building.

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By Order,
O. D. BROWN,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 11th February, 1940.

Anglo-Russian Negotiations

Delay In Issuing White Paper

LONDON, Feb. 21 (Reuter).—In the House of Commons today, Mr. R. A. Butler, Under Secretary for Foreign Affairs, stated in reply to a question that he was not in a position to name the date of publication of the White Paper dealing with the Anglo-Russian negotiations of last year.

Mr. Butler indicated that consultations with the French Government accounted for the delay.

He stated that he understood a recent declaration by the Swedish Government refusing passage of foreign troops through Sweden did not apply to volunteers.

The Abducted Officers

Asked for information regarding the present abode of Major Stevens and Captain Pryor Best, who were abducted by the Germans near the Dutch frontier last November, Mr. Butler declared that as far as was known these two officers were at present in Berlin.

There was no question of these officers conveying peace proposals on behalf of His Majesty's Government, he said.

All they were authorised to do was to listen to and report on an approach that had been made from the German side.

The exact nature and source of this approach could not be ascertained owing to the forcible abduction on Dutch territory of these officers by agents of the German Government.

Australian Minister In Washington

Mr. Casey's Statement To The Press

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21 (Reuter).—Mr. R. G. Casey, the first Australian Minister to the United States, has arrived and will see Mr. Cordell Hull on Thursday. He will see President Roosevelt when the latter returns from his cruise.

Mr. Casey made a statement declaring his belief that the establishment of an Australian Legation in Washington and an American Legation in Canberra would lead to closer relations of the two countries.

U.S. Aids Gigantic Effort

Mr. Casey declared that Australia, partly with the assistance of American supplies, was making a gigantic effort to help Britain in the war. Through manufacture and purchase, she was gathering 2,500 training planes with which to build a corps of tens of thousands of airmen.

Australia, he said, was manufacturing planes based on North American Aircraft Corporation's plans, and of these, about six were being turned out a week.

Altogether Australia's original programme for the manufacture of 350 planes annually had already been doubled or trebled.

Mr. Casey added that Australia at this moment "is dominated by the war effort that we are making."

NO VIOLATION OF NEUTRALITY

British Use Of The Panama In Order

LONDON, Feb. 21 (Reuter).—With reference to the German suggestion that Great Britain had created a precedent for conveying prisoners through neutral waters by taking the German ship Dusseldorf through Panama Canal, it was pointed out in London to-day that the Hay-Pauncefote Treaty of 1901 between Great Britain and the United States provides for such a contingency.

Article III of the Treaty states that the canal shall be free and open to vessels of commerce and war of all nations on terms of equality and that prize ships shall in all respects be subject to the rules as vessels of war.

As the Dusseldorf was a prize ship her passage through the Panama Canal was therefore provided for in the treaty governing the use of the canal.

BRITAIN'S WAR AIMS

Already Well Stated Says Premier

LONDON, Feb. 21 (Reuter).—Asked to make a categorical declaration on Britain's war aims, Mr. Neville Chamberlain, in the House of Commons to-day, declared that he could see no object in adding to the categorical declarations already made by members of the Government on the purposes of Great Britain in the war (cheers).

Mr. Chamberlain declared, in answer to a question, that he was not prepared to reveal the extent of the information in possession of the Government as to the state of the enemy forces.

"In the event of an early intensification of air attacks," Mr. Chamberlain added, "I am satisfied that the R.A.F. as well as the ground forces, will give a good account of themselves. The House is of course aware that our methods of meeting and countering air attacks on whatever scale are continuously being strengthened and developed."

N. Zealand Declaration

WELLINGTON, Feb. 21 (Reuter).—A conference between the National Executive of New Zealand Labour Party and the National Council of Federation of Labour to-day endorsed the peace aims of the British Labour Party as enunciated by the Rt. Hon. Mr. C. R. Attlee.

The conference stated that there will be no conscription in New Zealand while the Labour Party is in power and they made a declaration in favour of freedom of speech and opinion.

The statement declared: "To fail to render the fullest support in the fight against Nazism would brand the Labour movement as politically irresponsible or worse."

Japan Buys More

First Effect Of U.S. Treaty Abrogation

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" WASHINGTON, Feb. 21 (UP).—The Secretary of Commerce says that the treaty abrogation brought in increased Japanese orders and higher prices during the final quarter of 1939.

Exports of scrap iron, refined copper and metal working machinery to Japan increased.

The advance in imports of Japanese goods is largely attributed to the sharp rise in the value of raw silk, sharp rise in the value of raw silk, sharp rise in the value of raw silk, sharp rise in the value of raw silk.

The volume of silk imports dropped 13 per cent. Short crops in China and diversion of some stocks to Japanese channels resulted in increased exports to China.

Imports from China showed an increase in raw silk but a sharp reduction in tung oil.

United States exports to Hongkong during the same period were worth \$18,123,000 as compared with \$21,288,000.

Tea Control Surprise

Fixed At 95% Of The Standard Exports

LONDON, Feb. 21 (Reuter).—The International Tea Committee has fixed the figure of regulation for the control year ending March 31, 1941, at 95 per cent. of the standard exports.

Causes Surprise

The decision has caused some surprise in tea circles, who while emphasising that there is no shortage of stocks, had believed that 100 per cent. might be fixed in view of the considerable increase of United Kingdom consumption, together with the fact that certain Empire consuming countries are acquiring larger supplies of Empire teas since the outbreak of war.

Some quarters are of the opinion that the retention of the present quota lends colour to the recent suggestions that the British authorities may be considering negotiating buying contracts with Netherlands growers.

Queues For Flour In Tientsin

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" TIENTSIN, Feb. 21 (UP).—Hundreds of Chinese have lined up since 5 o'clock this morning to purchase flour. The French Police are keeping a check to prevent a person purchasing more than one bag.

Italy Ready For Welles

Count Ciano To Meet U.S. Statesman

ROME, Feb. 21 (Reuter).—Count Ciano, the Italian Foreign Minister, is going to Naples to meet Mr. Sumner Welles aboard the Rex on Sunday and will probably accompany Mr. Welles to Rome by train.

A Government dinner has been arranged in the visitor's honour in the Villa Madama, where Mr. Chamberlain and Lord Halifax stayed.

Will Visit Berlin

According to the tentative programme, Signor Mussolini will receive Mr. Welles on Monday, after which Mr. Welles will proceed to Berlin.

No arrangements are made for an audience with the Pope, but it is expected that Mr. Welles will discuss world politics with the Pope on the conclusion of his tour of the European capitals.

By special permission of His Holiness, the ceremony when Mr. Welles will receive the Pope will be a purely personal representative to the Vatican, presents his credentials will be filmed. The ceremony will take place early in March.

Orient Crisis Past

Roy Howard Reviews The Situation

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" HONOLULU, Feb. 21 (UP).—Mr. Roy W. Howard, editor-in-chief of the "Honolulu World-Telegram," is en route to the islands aboard the s.s. Lurline, radioed his replies to queries raised by the "Honolulu Advertiser."

Regarding the Far Eastern situation he said: "Present indications show the Far Eastern situation has passed its crisis. It appears that the tremendous same element among the Japanese, which has been silenced by the military dictatorship during the entire China incident, may again emerge as a national factor. It is conceivable that it may force Tokyo to trust on mediation capable of recognising the just claims of both nations and of effecting necessary face-saving."

Opposes Embargo

"Personally I believe any form of an official anti-Japanese embargo at present is unwise and is unnecessary for an early peace. The Japanese statesmen are not stupid. Now that they know that American tolerance has been extended to the breaking point, they would not force on the embargo issue."

Regarding a third term for President Roosevelt, Mr. Howard replied, "My guess is that his decision is more likely to be determined by the developments in the North Sea, Maginot Line or the Orient than by the events in Washington."

He believed Mr. Sumner Welles' European tour is worth making.

GOOD RELATIONS TO CONTINUE

Italian View On The Altmarm Affair

LONDON, Feb. 21 (Reuter).—The "Giornale d'Italia" states that despite the present dispute, the good relations between Britain and Norway will not be disturbed.

The Montevideo paper, "El Plata," had headlines as follows: "Boarding of the Altmarm. A Crime has been avoided. Humanity should celebrate the fact."

Swiss Attitude

The Swiss paper, "Journal," says: "The Storting's intention to make Norwegian neutrality respected arouses the greatest interest. Switzerland is confronted by a task equally delicate. But despite the moving speeches, the Altmarm affair originated in the Norwegian error in the interpretation of the duty of neutrals."

The Reich has been warned by the daring exploit of the British destroyer. It will be hoped that she will consider herself somewhat less at home in the neutral territorial waters of Norway and will take more efficient precautions to prevent a repetition of the incident."

LONDON, Feb. 21 (Reuter).—Vice-Admiral Sir Charles Kennedy-Purvis has been appointed to be Commander-in-Chief of the American and West Indies Station, in succession to Admiral Sir Sidney Meyrick, from March of this year.

A Look Through The "Telegraph"

50 YEARS AGO

Feb. 22, 1890.

We are glad to learn that the entries already received for the Hongkong Athletic Sports are so satisfactory that a first-class meeting may be confidently relied on. Incoming competitors who have not yet sent in their names are reminded that the entries close on Wednesday, Feb. 28.

The "weigh-in" at the Takoo Rensery was in the dress circle at the magisterial residence to-day. The head and front of his offending was that he had given customers extra weight when serving orders in consideration of various little cumshaws. When detected he had made a trifling mistake of 100 piculs in respect of some molasses, and now he is out on heavy bail.

25 YEARS AGO

Feb. 22, 1915.

The Admiralty announces that yesterday a British fleet of battle-ships and battle-cruisers, accompanied by flotillas and aided by a strong French squadron, the whole under Vice-Admiral Carden, began an attack upon the forts at the entrance to the Dardanelles. The forts were bombarded with deliberate long range fire and considerable effect was produced on two of the forts. Two others were frequently hit but, being open earthworks, it was difficult to estimate the damage. The forts, being outraged, were not able to reply to the fire.

At 2.45 p.m. a portion of the battle-ship force was ordered to close in and engage the forts at closer range with secondary armament. The forts on both sides of the entrance then opened fire and were engaged at moderate ranges by the Vengeance, Cornwallis, Triumph, Suffren, Gaulois and Boyet, supported by the inflexible and Agamemnon at long range. The forts on the European side were apparently silenced, but one fort on the Asiatic side was still firing when the operation was suspended owing to falling light. No ships of the allied fleet were hit. The action has been renewed this morning after an aerial reconnaissance. His Majesty's aeroplane ship Ark Royal is in attendance with a number of seaplanes and aeroplanes of the Naval Wing.

10 YEARS AGO

Feb. 22, 1930.

At a moment when the thoughts of the greater proportion of the community will be turning to pony racing it is timely to learn the attitude of the authorities with regard to the holding of cash sweeps.

5 YEARS AGO

Feb. 22, 1935.

Lengthy reference to the silver situation was made by the Hon. Mr. C. Gordon Mackie in presiding at the annual meeting of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, whilst Mr. A. L. Shields, in the course of a speech, also touched on the question when he remarked that so long as silver is subject to political manipulation and is not allowed to find its real level as a commodity, settled and profitable trade conditions cannot be expected in the Far East.

Mr. Mackie hesitated to make any forecast as to the future of the currency position of the greatest caution being observed and urged that no steps should be taken except in consultation with those most qualified to advise. He added that the Bank was anxious to co-operate in any measures which will have a beneficial effect on the export of silver from China, in agreeing that the action was a serious mistake and that it increased lack of confidence while conducting smuggling of silver out of the country.

DARING'S HEAVY CASUALTIES

LONDON, Feb. 21 (Reuter).—The casualty list of the destroyer Daring was torpedoed during the week gave the names of nine officers, including Commander S. A. Cooper, and 147 other ranks missing, believed drowned.

Mr. Rockefeller's Big Gift

NEW YORK, Feb. 21 (Reuter).—Mr. Herbert Hoover, formerly President of the United States, announced to-day the receipt of a donation of \$100,000 from Mr. John Rockefeller, Jr., for the Finnish Relief Fund.

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CHINESE CLAIM MORE BIG VICTORIES

"Central News" messages from various fronts this morning again carried claims of further Chinese victories in recent fighting.

It is reported that about 80 Japanese and puppet troops were captured and that 200 surrendered when the Chinese recaptured Tungshan Island off the South Fukien coast recently.

Amoy Mutiny

The Japanese landing at Tawushan, west of Amoy, has been thrown into an unfavourable position after the surrender of large units of puppet troops. In addition to 2,000 who surrendered on February 19, another 1,000 mutinied and went over to the Chinese the following day.

The same report states that these "rebels" are now fighting side by side with the Chinese regular troops against the Japanese at Tawushan. Severe blows have also been inflicted upon the Japanese who have crossed to the south bank of the Chienkang River in east Chekiang. It is claimed by the Chinese that the Japanese units pushing down the Siachuan have been defeated in the vicinity of Chienkang and are fleeing northward.

Japanese forces on the west bank of the Puyang River have also been hurled back.

Converging On Siachuan

According to the latest military despatches from this front, the Chinese are steadily converging on Siachuan.

Mentowkow, west of Peiping, is reported to have been recovered by the Chinese in a lightning attack on Monday night. Taken completely by surprise, the small Japanese garrison there was almost entirely wiped out.

Several points in the vicinity were also raided by the Chinese and the railway line was damaged at many points, thus disrupting Japanese communication on the line.

It is stated that six Japanese warships steaming down the Yangtze were damaged.

Unpasteurised Milk Sold

First Case Of Its Kind In H.K.

Charged with selling unpasteurised milk, Naimet Khan, 38, master of the New Kowloon Dairy Farm, was fined \$30 by Mr. Himsforth at Kowloon Magistracy this morning.

Sanitary Inspector E. T. Bilson said while he was in the vicinity of Kai Tak Aerodrome yesterday he noticed Khan and a Chinese cycling from the direction of Diamond Hill into Kowloon City. A can was fastened to the Chinese's bicycle.

He followed them, and the two men stopped at the entrance of the Police Training School, Nathan Road. Khan went into the School, while the Chinese waited at the door.

Customer's Requirements

Inspector Bilson asked the Chinese whether the milk in the container was pasteurised, and he replied in the affirmative. Khan came out and said that the milk was not pasteurised, as his customer required unpasteurised milk for mixing medicine.

Mr. Himsforth said that the offence Khan committed was of a serious nature, but took into consideration the fact that it was the first case of its kind to be brought before a court.

River from Hukow, 17 miles east of Kluangkang, were shelled by Chinese batteries in the vicinity of Tunglu, in south Anhwei, near the Kiangsi border, on Sunday. Four of the ships were damaged.

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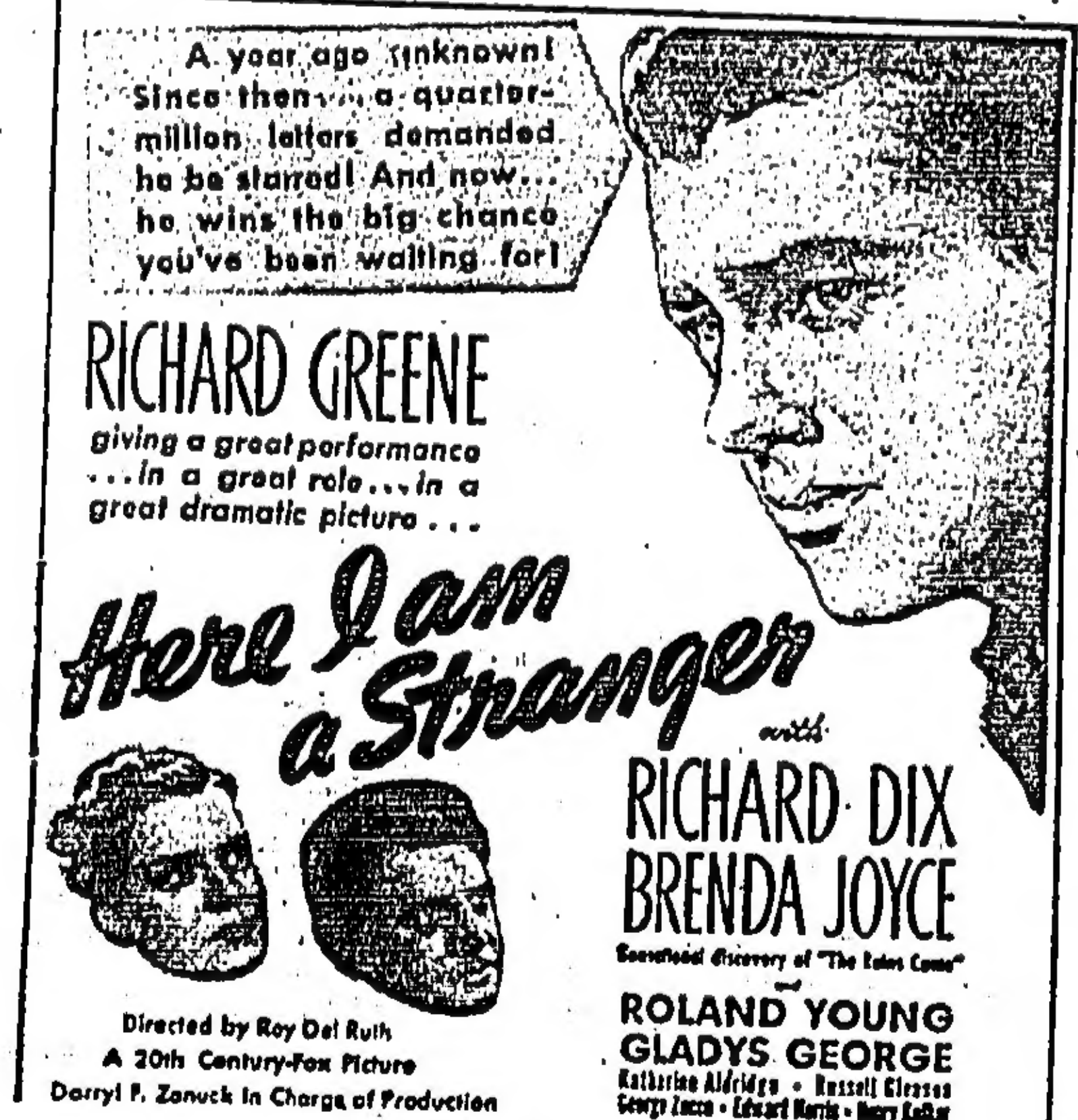


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SILVER PURCHASES

American Treasury Urged To End Operations

Washington, Feb. 20. The Advisory Council of the Federal Reserve system has asked Congress to end immediately the Treasury purchases of foreign silver. The annual meeting of the Council which was transmitted to the Senate Banking and Currency Committee, "particularly in view of the fact that silver purchases increase the already excessively large bank reserves."

Administration officials defended the silver purchase programme as an aid to China. They said that silver is one of the chief commodities by which China is enabled to obtain dollar and pound sterling exchange with which to maintain her combat with Japan.

Senator John Townsend charged that the majority of the United States foreign silver imports were not from the Latin American countries but from the Far East.

Senator Key Pittman said the purchases from China enabled China to stabilize her dollar which was pegged to the United States dollar before the invasion but admitted that the Chinese dollar was now "virtually restored."

Senator Pittman expressed the opinion that Senator Townsend's recent bill would not be enacted despite the action by the Advisory Council of the Federal Reserve system.—United Press.

LATE NEWS

REVOLVER SHOT SEQUEL

DETAILS of an alleged attack on a European woman in the Warrant Officers' Quarters at Scandal Point were given in the Central Magistracy this afternoon when Lau Po-lau, alias Lau Lau, appeared before Mr. Edwards on four counts.

He was charged (a) with simple larceny, (b) with being in illegal possession of arms and ammunition, (c) with shooting at Mrs. A. M. Estall with intent to harm her and (d) with shooting with intent to resist arrest.

Sub-Inspector Goodwin prosecuted. The incident occurred on the morning of January 29, said Sub-Inspector Goodwin, in outlining the police case.

"An amah employed by Mrs. Estall saw defendant sitting in a chair and asked him what he was doing there. He told her that he had come to look for his mother."

"At that stage, Mrs. Estall arrived home. She suspected the man and searched him, finding two medallions and a chain in one of his pockets. The articles were claimed by the amah."

Sent Daughter To Police

"Mr. Estall then sent her 15-year-old daughter to fetch the police. After the girl had reported the defendant began to walk away. He had only taken a few steps, however, when he turned and produced an automatic pistol from his pocket. Mrs. Estall seized his hands. A scuffle ensued and a shot went off. The shot became imbedded in the floor of the kitchen."

"Defendant then ran away, followed by Mrs. Estall."

Caught By Soldier

"Two soldiers, Lance Corporal Lane and Bandsman Marshall, of the Royal Scots, took up the chase after Mrs. Estall had called out to them and the defendant finally ran into another soldier who was coming in the opposite direction."

"After Mrs. Estall had warned the soldiers that the defendant was armed, he was searched. The pistol was produced. In it were four live rounds of ammunition."

"Subsequently an expended cartridge and a bullet were found in the kitchen by Garrison Sgt. Major Estall, husband of Mrs. Estall."

Revolvers Stolen From Europeans

Weapons Returned To Owners

Several possession of arms and ammunition cases came before Mr. Justice R. E. Lindesay at the Criminal Sessions this morning, and one case featured a revolver and an automatic pistol belonging to Mr. Eldon Potter K.C., and Mr. C. B. Robertson of the Public Works Department. The firearms had been stolen from Mr. Eldon Potter and Mr. Robertson sometime ago.

Admitting possession of the two weapons, Chan Choi said someone had given it to him to keep. He admitted that he had four previous convictions, three of which were for theft.

Mr. E. H. Williams, Crown Counsel, said that in this case he was not applying for an order for the confiscation of the arms because they belonged to Mr. Eldon Potter and Mr. Robertson. The weapons had been stolen but there was nothing to connect Chan with the theft.

Chan was sentenced to three years' hard labour.

\$500 Fine

"A relative of mine left the arms with me for safe custody. That was in Chinese waters. The justification of my relative was burned by the Japanese," said Lam Siu-tuk when he admitted possession of a rifle, a revolver and rounds of ammunition on board a junk at Cheung Chau harbour.

His Lordship said he noted that Lam had assisted the police in every way, and Mr. Williams asked it was quite possible that Lam's explanation concerning the possession of the arms was quite true. Lam was an old junk licensee.

Lam was fined \$500 or three months' imprisonment.

Declaring that the automatic pistol and seven rounds of ammunition had been captured by him from the Japanese in Chinese Territory, Chan Choi pleaded guilty to a charge of possession of the arms and ammunition. He was sorry to have brought them into British Territory without a licence, he said.

Mr. Williams said Chan had been arrested at midnight on January 29 at Shataukok.

Chan was sentenced to two years' hard labour.

Tree Vandal Caught By Police A.S.P.

Caught by Mr. K. A. Blidmore, Superintendent of Police, breaking branches off trees in the garden of his house, No. 2 Stubbs Road, yesterday evening, Lam Yee was charged before Mr. Sheldon at the Central Magistracy.

He was additionally charged with returning from banishment, having been sent away for 10 years on January 22.

Sentence of a month's hard labour was passed on the first count, and six months on the second. The terms are to be served concurrently.

Cricket On Sunday

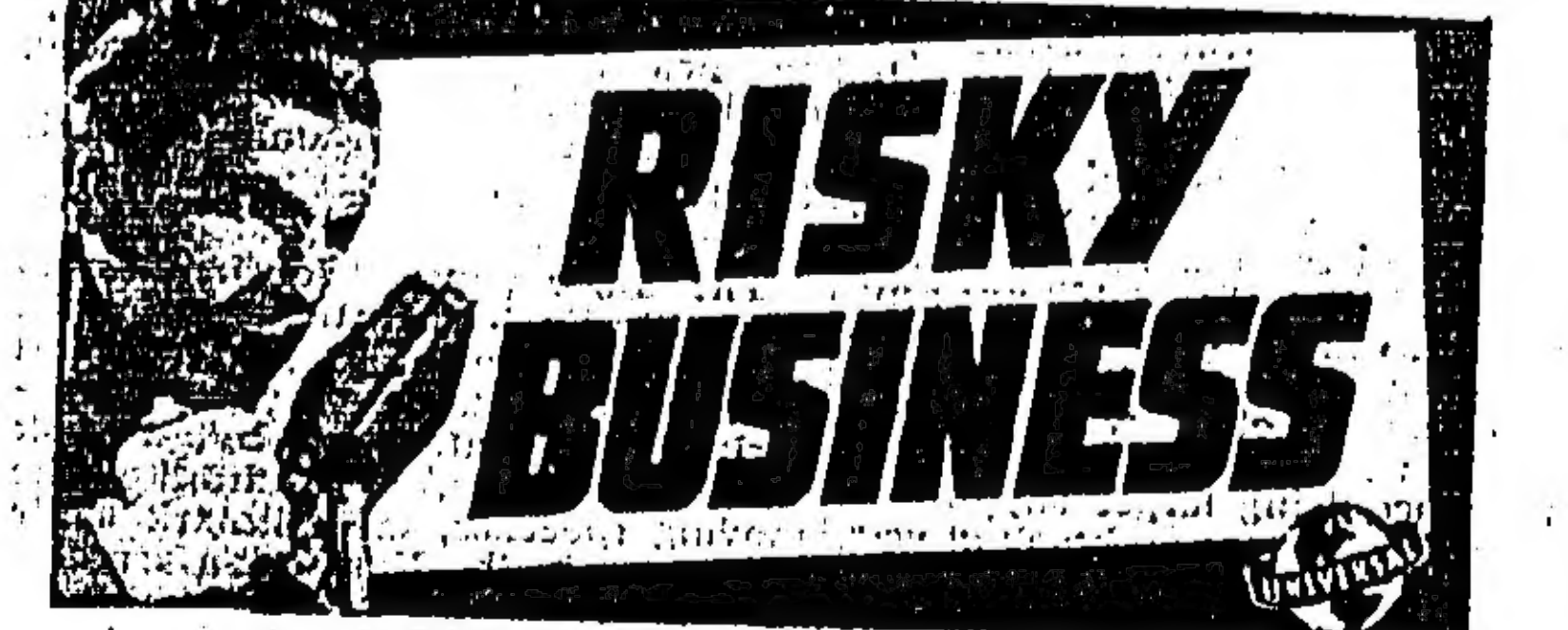
The following will represent the Volunteers at cricket against the University at Pokfulam on Sunday, commencing at 2 p.m.: R. M. King, L. C. Baker, R. T. Broadbridge, D. G. Day, R. H. Griffiths, D. Hunt, N. A. E. Mackay, D. O. Parsons, T. M. Sultor, A. Zimmermann and A. N. Other.

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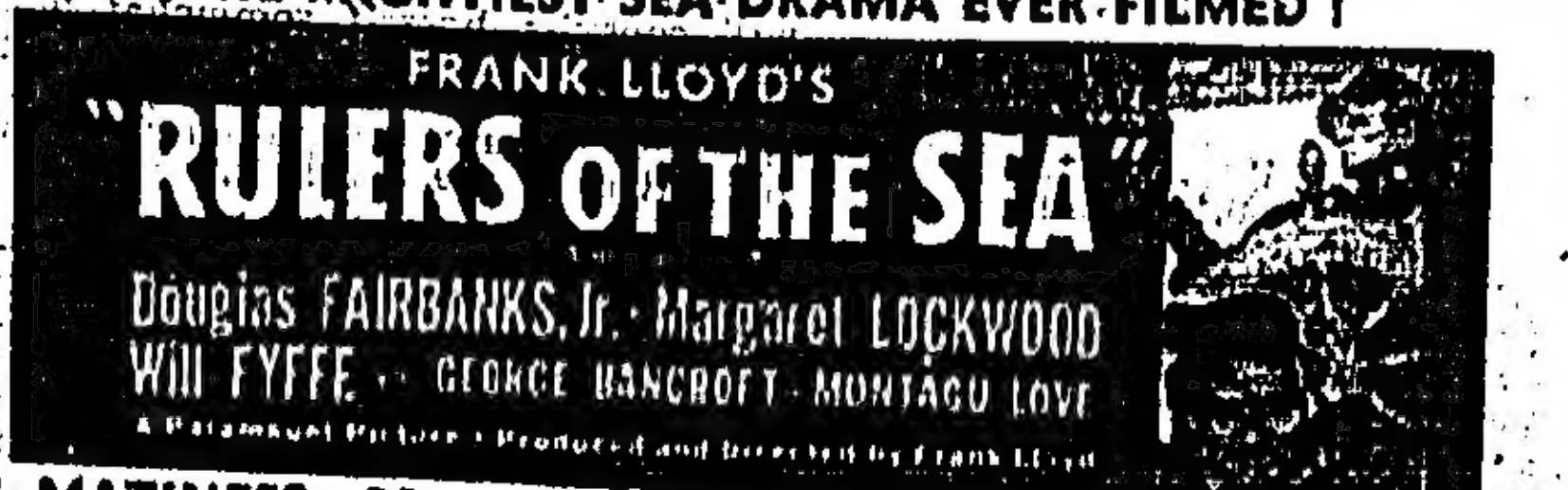
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SWINDLED 2 WOMEN

Man Works Popular Banknote Trick

Arrested yesterday in connection with a well-tried "banknote" trick which he had successfully practised on two young women on February 17, Cheong Sang, 30, ivory carver, appeared before Mr. Edwards at the Central Magistracy this morning. He was charged with larceny by a trick of a finger ring, \$5 Hongkong currency and \$20 Chinese currency from Yuen Chau and a wrist watch, \$3 Hongkong and \$1 Chinese from Lau Ngan. He admitted the offence.

Sgt. J. W. Wall said Cheong met the two women in Connaught Road and invited them to have coffee with him, saying he had a proposition to put to them. The women accepted, and in the coffee-shop, Cheong produced a bundle wrapped in a handkerchief, and told the women that it contained banknotes. He asked them to change them for him. The women agreed, but before leaving, handed over their jewellery and money as security.

They proceeded to a money-changer's shop, but found the place closed. Returning to the coffee-shop, Cheong could not be found. The women returned home, and one of them mentioned the incident to her mother, who realised they had been swindled. The parcel was then opened and found to contain a neatly folded packet of newspapers. Cheong was seen by the women walking in Connaught Road yesterday, was pursued and caught by a Chinese sergeant.

Mr. Edwards asked the women why they had consented to hand their jewellery and money to Cheong. They alleged he had drugged their coffee, and did not realise what they were doing when they handed the property over.

His Worship remarked the women had been foolish to believe the defendant. He ordered a sum of \$13 found on the defendant to be divided among the women as part compensation.

Remarking that defendant's plan was well-thought out and that he had taken advantage of human nature, Mr. Edwards sentenced Cheong to four months' hard labour.

New Ship To Be Launched

Ceremony At Kowloon Docks To-day

The launching of the steamer Heinrich Jessen, built to the order of Rheser M. Jessen A/S, Aabenraa, Denmark, will take place at the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock, at 6.30 p.m. to-day.

Mrs. J. H. Jessen, wife of the manager of Jessen and Co. at Hongkong will perform the launching ceremony.

For China Coast Service

Designed for the China Coast trade, the new vessel is 3,500 tons, deadweight with accommodation for 16 first class, 30 second class and 1,000 deck passengers.

She has an overall length of 310 ft. 6 ins. Her depth moulded to the upper deck is 27 ft. 3 ins and breadth 30 ft. 6 ins. Carrying a Hongkong passenger licence the new steamer is powered by a 2,200 h.p. triple expansion steam engine with turbo compressor.

The keel was laid last June. The new vessel will increase Jessen and Co.'s fleet on the China coast to three steamers, the others being the Michael Jessen built in 1927 and the Gustav Diederichsen built in 1930. Launching will leave Queen's Pier to take guests to the launching at 5.45 p.m.

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